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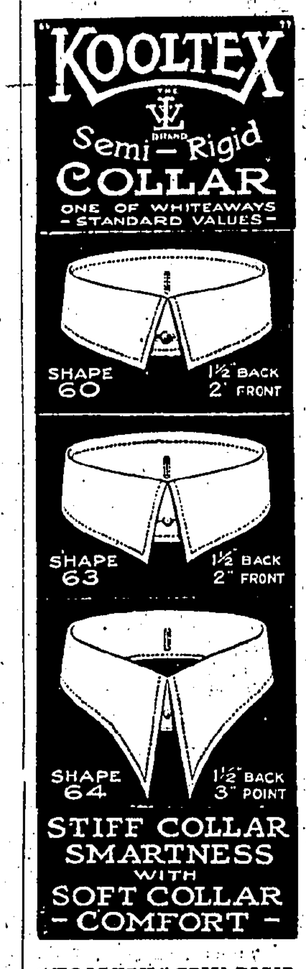

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CABINET MEETING.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

POWERS AND NANKING.

TWENTY REDS EXECUTED AT PEKING.

A special meeting of the British Cabinet was held yesterday to hear a report from the Foreign Secretary on the situation in China.

The Powers are still considering the reply to Mr. Eugene Chen's Note in answer to their first Note regarding the Nanking outrages.

Twenty Reds, including one woman, are reported to have been executed at Peking, where a special court has been holding secret meetings.

CABINET MEETING.

Powers and Nanking Outrages.

London, April 28.

A special meeting of the Cabinet in the Premier's Room at the House of Commons yesterday evening heard a report by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, on the situation in China, particularly from the diplomatic viewpoint.

Powers' Reply.

The Powers' reply to Mr. Eugene Chen's Note on the Nanking outrages is still being discussed between the Powers concerned.—Reuter.

PEKING TRIAL.

Twenty Reds Said To Have Been Executed.

Peking, April 28.

According to semi-official statement issued this evening, a special court has held secret meetings during the last three days.

It is announced that the court has been meeting to discuss the procedure of the coming trial, but in reality it formally tried Communists and condemned them to death.

The number executed is now given as twenty, including one woman.—Reuter.

General Wong Shiu-hung, who is sending loyal troops to help the Canton Government.

MR. CHEN AND JAPAN.

The Reported Offer to Stop Agitation.

London, April 28.

In the House of Commons, Sir Frederick Hall (Conservative) asked for information as regards "the offer Mr. Eugene Chen had made to Japan agreeing not to interfere with the Japanese Concession at Hankow and undertaking to suppress all anti-Japanese agitation in China."

Sir Frederick Hall asked whether steps would be taken to secure similar protection for British interests.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that he had no knowledge of such an offer.

Sir Frederick Hall said he would bring the information.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIR UNITS.

Strength Equal to That of Five Squadrons.

Rugby, April 28.

The Secretary for Air, replying to a Parliamentary question, stated that the strength of the air units on or on the way to China was the equivalent of five squadrons of aeroplanes with a personnel of seven hundred of all ranks.—British Wireless Service.

Y.M.C.A. FUND.

Gift For "A Corner of Home" In Shanghai.

London, April 28.

The council of the Y.M.C.A. in London has received an anonymous cheque "to provide a corner of home for our men in the British hospital" at Shanghai.

The special fund which Sir Arthur Yapp appealed to cover the work of the Association at Shanghai is now nearly £7,000. The London Stock Exchange has given £1,015.—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S ATTITUDE.

Government's Policy Fully Endorsed.

Brussels, April 28.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Representatives has unanimously approved all measures taken by the Belgian Government in China.

The Foreign Minister, M. Vandervelde, made a statement declaring that the policy agreed to by the Government was in accord with the suggestion of the Minister at Peking who was the representative of the Major Belgian interests in China, especially with a view to safeguarding the persons and property of Belgian nationals.—Reuter.

HOME AGAIN.

Soviet Peking Officials Reach Moscow.

Moscow, April 28.

M. Chernyk, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires at Peking, and other Soviet Embassy members have arrived here.—Reuter.

CANTON TROOPS.

Loyal Reinforcements From Kwangsi.

Canton, April 28.

Kwangsi troops are arriving here in large numbers and it is believed that they will be leaving for the North by the Shiukwan Railway.

As an indication that General Li Chai-sum is feeling himself firmly established, he is stated to be sending considerable bodies of troops to Shanghai. These are rumoured to be troops as to whose reliability to himself he has reason to be doubtful.—British Naval Wireless.

Means of Transport.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Samshui, April 28.

Considerable reinforcements of Kwangsi troops are going down the West River to join the Nationalist garrison at Canton.

The other day, one of the Portuguese stern-wheelers was chartered to bring down 700 men. Four large passenger junks (towed by launches), also filled with soldiers, accompanied the steamboat.

According to rumour the stern-wheeler also had a large quantity of opium on board. This may have been intended for past, present or future payment for the troops in question but the "Opium Suppression Bureau" at Dosing did nothing to interfere.

[Note: The "Canton Gazette" has referred to the seizure by the authorities of a large shipment of opium on a Chinese gunboat.]

Communist Rising?

[Kwangsi is under General Wong Shiu-hung, the military governor, a colleague of the commander-in-chief in Canton and loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek, hence the co-operation between Kwangsi and Kwangtung. The Kwangsi troops are probably coming down so that new drafts can be sent to Shanghai and reinforcements sent up the North River, along the Canton-Hankow Railway which, however, only runs as far as Shiukwan, mentioned in the wireless, where there is danger of a Communist rising.]

'Planes for Nanking.

Shanghai, April 28.

According to Press reports, the split between General Chiang Kai-shek and Hankow was due not so much to dissatisfaction with the Soviet Government as to personal animosity against Borodin.

Two aeroplanes from the Hungjao aerodrome (near Shanghai) were sent to Nanking by rail yesterday.—British Naval Wireless.

[According to an American Air Force officer who called at the Hunjao aerodrome at Shanghai before coming down to Hong Kong, the Nationalists have 30 'planes there, all captured from the Northern Allies but sadly in need of repair. Some have been tampered with. The two sent by rail to Nanking may be intended for immediate war purposes.]

Firing at White Flags.

Nanking, April 28.

The Nationalist post on Lion Hill which has been firing on the Northerners in Pukow, flew the white flag yesterday afternoon, after having fired four rounds on Pukow in the morning.

There was no firing from the Northerners in Pukow on Wednesday but one of their guns five miles above Pukow (on the North bank) fired at a Nationalist craft sheltering behind Duck Island.

This afternoon, one gun in Pukow and one in the vicinity of Puchen shelled Hsiakwan and Lion Hill, the latter, above which still flies the white flag, replying with above twenty-five rounds fired in the direction of Pukow Railway Station, where the Northerners are believed to be concentrated.

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MOSCOW'S HAND.

Peking Raid's Further Evidence.

PLAN TO BOLSHEVISE CHINA.

Peking, April 28.

An elaborate system of espionage so complete that even the seating plans of Legation dinner parties at Peking were neatly filed for future reference, was among the piquant revelations made at Marshal Chang Tso-lin's headquarters this morning, when foreign correspondents were enabled to inspect some of the documents seized in the Soviet Embassy raid on April 6.

One of the most interesting documents related to a resolution passed by the Internationale in Moscow in January dealing with the Bolshevisation of China with particular regard to the organisation of the peasantry, regarding which the resolution urges the Chinese Communists to use all peasant organisations, such as the the "Red Spears of Honan" to establish their influence over the peasantry.

A programme of agrarian revolution in the Nationalist Government's territory was outlined.

After urging the Chinese Communists to remain in the Kuomintang, the document urges that the Communists must strive to have the Kuomintang develop into a real People's Party.

Other documents included are draft telegrams from the Soviet military attache at Peking to General Gallen and Comrade Borodin which are considered to prove conclusively that the military attache's office was used as an agency for the supply of munitions delivered to the First Kuomintang, which included flame-throwers, chemical shells, gas masks and receipts by Feng Yu-hsiang in respect of cash payments to him totalling more than ten million roubles.

One exhibit was a code with equivalents for "revolvers," "explosive materials," and phrases like "It is necessary to blow up."

It is expected that the code will be useful in deciphering documents and telegrams seized in the military attache's office.—Reuter.

"EXPENSIVE."

Government Launch's Engines.

FINANCE MEMBER'S COMMENT.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard termed as "a very expensive proposition" the proposal brought forward at the Finance Committee meeting this morning for the voting of $15,000 Special Expediture for the new launch to replace the "Victoria."

The original estimate (of $40,000), it was explained, was based on the fitting of twin Atlantic engines burning kerosine and requiring renewal after ten years. It was now proposed to fit instead Gardner Engines of semi-Deisel type costing $15,000 more. The Gardner engine was reckoned to last the life of the boat (approximately 20 years) and be much more economical and the saving in fuel would, it was estimated, be quite the amount asked for, in eight years.

Mr. Bernard said he didn't know on what data the Government was working in these claims. Normally, in a steam launch, the engines outlasted the hull and it seemed a lot of money to spend on this particular type of engine, the maintenance cost of which he was not aware of.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. W. T. Southorn, who presided over the meeting, said that, according to the advice of the marine engineers, the initial outlay would be saved and that the proposed engines would be cheaper in the end. Was it Mr. Bernard's idea that they should have a steam launch instead of another one?

Mr. Bernard said he would not go as far as that, but he would like to have more data before favouring this particular vote.

The Chairman indicated that he would get the data asked for and circulate it.

The votes, with this one exception, were all passed without comment.

STREET INCIDENT.

MOTOR CHASES RICSHA COOLIES.

While driving his car along Murray Road at 10.45 last night, Mr. T. E. Jackson, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, had his attention attracted by four ricshas drawn up outside the Prince of Wales Gate. Upon looking closer Mr. Jackson saw four coolies bending over a drunken American sailor who was lying on the footpath. The coolies were apparently going through the sailor's pockets. When Mr. Jackson stopped his car the coolies picked up their ricshas and ran towards the Praya. Mr. Jackson gave chase in his car and succeeded in cutting off two of the ricshas, the coolies of which dropped the shafts and bolted. After taking the numbers of the ricshas, Mr. Jackson returned to the sailor who was unconscious and removed him to the Central Station. Later in the night the man was removed to his ship by an escort. He did not make any complaint about losing anything.

BATHING BEACHES.

In connection with the provision for bathing beaches made by the Government this year, reference to which has already appeared in the "China Mail," it is now learned that the following dates of opening have been fixed:—

North Point Beach, May 1.
Kennedy Town Beach May 1.
Tai Wan Bay Beach, May 7.

WEATHER FORECAST.

"Light, variable winds; fine to cloudy, fog in the morning," is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Meteorological observations at 8 a.m. to-day were:—barometer 29.79, temperature 70, humidity 92, wind force 0.

KOWLOON RESIDENT ROBBED.

Jewellery worth $15 was stolen yesterday from the bedroom of Mrs. Slater at No. 11 Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon.

FLOOD PERIL.

Water Battering New Orleans.

BREAK TO BE MADE IN LEVEE.

New Orleans, April 28.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, is conferring with the authorities with a view to completing arrangements for dynamiting the Mississippi levee at Poydras twelve miles below New Orleans as the only means to avert inundation of the city.

Ten thousand refugees were streaming in all night long from the marshes of St. Bernard and Plaquemine Parish over which the yellow flood waters will roar tomorrow through the breach blasted in the levee.

Temporary camps are being erected for such as are without shelter in the commodious army base quarters.

New Orleans at present lies ten feet below the volume of water fiercely battering at the levees on which hundreds of workmen are unceasingly stacking sandbags in order to heighten them.

The water is already steadily trickling through along the river front.

The bankers have raised a loan fund of $2,000,000 to relieve the refugees' immediate needs.

Down in the marshes where the break will be made numbers of evicted people are going with a good grace.

Others bitterly resentful are patrolling the levee armed with shotguns, proclaiming their determination forcibly to resist the dynamiting.

New York messages state that Wall Street is watching the flood situation with the deepest interest and anxiety.

The "New York Times" quotes bankers' advices which estimate the damage to property and railroads at $7,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

MOSCOW ROBBERY.

WORLD FAMOUS PAINTINGS STOLEN.

VANDALISM OF THE THIEF.

Moscow, April 28.

Five world famous pictures have been stolen from the Moscow Art Museum, namely Rembrandt's "Christ," Titian's "Ecce Homo," Correggio's "Holy Family," Carlo Dolce's "Saint John," and Paysano's "Tortured Christ."

The chief cut out the principal parts of the pictures by Titian and Rembrandt from the frames, spoiling the famous background of Christ.—Reuter.

A FAUX PAS!

A small vote under Education Department expenditure for "College Calenders" drew the comment from Sir Henry Pollock at this morning's Finance Committee meeting that the Education Department should know better than to misspell Calendars!

STREET SNATCHER.

While walking in Peel Street yesterday afternoon, a Chinese woman had her handbag snatched from behind. It contained $30 in notes. The thief made good his escape.

As the result of a fall in Des Voeux Road West yesterday while under the influence of liquor a Chinese suffered injuries to his head and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

A Chinese merchant living at No. 8 Possession Street has reported that the treasurer of Connaught Road West rice shop has absconded on Wednesday with $11,000 belonging to the firm.

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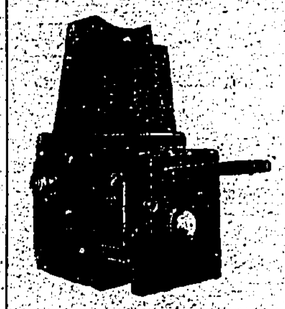

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The 34th annual meeting of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., was held on March 29 at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C., with Mr. J. M. Ryrie (chairman) presiding, supported by Mr. J. Steuart (chief manager).

In his review for 1926, the chairman said, inter alia:—

"It is difficult to know what to say about China as, while to the strikes and boycotts prevailing at this time last year, Civil War has now been added but, though there may not be much real fighting between the contending parties, the risks arising from the violence of unruly mobs, insitigated by propaganda organised by the Russian element in the South, are very great and I am sure you will agree that our sympathy is due more particularly to all British residents in China.

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"The most remarkable feature is that in spite of all the anxiety and confusion which has existed, and continues to exist, there is evidence in the published receipts of the Chinese Maritime Customs and the results obtained by the leading British bank in China relating to 1926 that the trade of the country has been maintained and as further evidence of this I find that the shipments of cotton piece goods and yarn from the United Kingdom to China in 1926 exceeded those for 1925 in quantity, though owing to lower prices the value was less.

Commitments and Losses.

"But I am afraid there are a good many commitments which cannot be liquidated to-day without loss to those interested and I am glad to think our business in China is comparatively small and that we have no large accounts which cause us anxiety as it is impossible to say what is going to happen.

"In the absence of any Central Government with any power to control the situation, and China being so far away our Government have had a very difficult problem to solve and whatever may be thought of the Hankow Agreement and the offer to concede other liberal terms to China we must be thankful that troops were despatched to Shanghai in time.

Cantonese Success.

"The attitude of the Labour Party in opposing this purely precautionary measure is beyond the comprehension of any local British subject and it is evident that, if a Labour Government had been in power, British lives and property would have been left to the mercy of the mob at Shanghai.

"In the meantime the Cantonese are proving the stronger party in China, having now entered Shanghai and Nanking, but as their success is largely due to the assistance they are receiving from Russia, which country is openly hostile to us, I cannot but feel that we are trusting too much in their good faith and that it is, to say the least, undignified on our part to maintain diplomatic relations with Russia.

Tribute to Staff.

"It is my duty to tell you how much we owe to the hard work of our very loyal staff at the head office and our numerous branches in the East and, on behalf of the Board, to thank them all for having made it possible for us to place before you such satisfactory accounts at the close of a trying year.

"As I come in daily contact with Mr. Steuart and Mr. Crichton I can speak with full knowledge of their ability and energy, while as I frequently see the other senior members of the London staff, I am able to vouch for their efficiency also.

"Then, as the result of following the corespondence with our Managers in the East and meeting them when they are at home on leave, I am able to appreciate the work they do for us and their loyalty to the Bank.

"Remarkable" in China.

". . . . In regard to China, I am afraid we must look for unsettled conditions for some time to come, but, as I have mentioned, it is remarkable how trade in that country goes on in spite of all the troubles. I hope and expect therefore, we shall be able to publish satisfactory accounts, again at this time next year, and at any rate I am sure you will understand from what I have said about our staff and the resources at our disposal, that in spite of competition we are fully equipped to play our part." (Applause.)

TENDERS FOR STERLING.

Bombay, April 28.

The Deputy-controller of Currency has announced that all tenders for sterling received on April 27 were rejected. Tenders for £300,000 will be received on May 4 on the same conditions as previously announced.—Reuter.

CHARTERED BANK.

REVIEW AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

BRITISH TRADE FIGURES.

The 73rd annual meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was held on March 30 at the Bank's premises, No. 38, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., Sir Montagu Cornish Turner (chairman) presiding, supported by Mr. W. E. Preston (chief manager).

Parts of Sir Montagu Cornish Turner's speech of particular interest to Hong Kong are reproduced herewith:—

"As regards China, it is extremely difficult to hazard any opinion as to what may happen in the future, or even from day to day.

"Presumably there will be North and South Republics, or even a third Central Republic, but this can only be decided when the contending forces of North and South have exhausted themselves, or, as we may hope, have come to a settlement, which may provide a really good, efficient Civil Government or Governments for the country.

Transport Chaos.

"All that the British merchant asks for is the existence of a real settled and effective Government, with security for life and property, that peace and goodwill should prevail, that trade should be possible not only at the seaports but up country, and that transport should be feasible by rail or river without fear of interference by bandits. At present this is not the case. Railways and the railway plant are in the hands of the military. Water carriage is almost impossible owing to piracy, and producers have to make recourse to the pack and the barrow to get their goods to the purchasing markets.

"It is well to remember that it is estimated that the value of property held by British subjects in China reaches £350,000,000 sterling.

Hong Kong Trade Figures.

"Further, we have to bear in mind that the value of exports from Great Britain and India to Hong Kong totalled £5,639,000 and to China £27,578,000 sterling, while the imports from Hong Kong to Great Britain and India represented £1,300,000, and from China £14,000,000. In other words, Great Britain and British India alone were interested in trade with Hong Kong and China last year to the extent of £43,500,000 sterling.

"We must also recognise what has led up to the present situation. The spirit of Nationalism, which was the outcome of education and residence in the West, was quite understandable, and could not be legitimately objected to. It has been in existence for a considerable time, has grown rapidly, and has permeated both North and South China.

Communistic Element.

"The danger arose when the Communistic element—the spirit of hatred—from Moscow pervaded the Councils of Canton. From this Communistic spirit has grown the intense anti-British feeling and the so-called spirit of anti-Imperialism

"In Hong Kong and Canton business has been most difficult during 1926. The trouble which commenced in Canton in 1925 lasted until October, 1926, but even when the strike and boycott of British goods was supposed to have ended the boycott still remained. The silk business from Canton via Hong Kong has ceased, and most of the silk business has been done via Shanghai.

"As regards China's trade, it is interesting to note from a recent paragraph in the Times that the value of arms and munition of war imported into China in 1923 was Taels 805,000, in 1924 Taels 1,615,000, in 1925 Taels 7,311,000, the bulk of the imports coming from Germany.

China's Trade Keeping Up.

"This shows the preparation that has been made for hostilities on the part of the Chinese. In spite of all the circumstances adverse to foreign trade in China, it is remarkable that the receipts from the Maritime Customs showed an increase of Taels 7,000,000 over the revenue for 1925.

"In China the future is at present rather dark and obscured, but we must not take too gloomy a view. The Cantonese, free of Moscow influence would, I believe, be capable of governing their sphere of China wisely and well. At any rate, it is a question of patience, of hope and endurance, and we must remember that the Chinese are a wonderful race with a vast amount of common sense."

AMERICA'S TRADE.

FURTHER NOTABLE INCREASE RECORDED.

Washington, April 28.

The Federal Reserve Board, in its monthly report, shows a further increase of industrial activity up to July 3, during which period the output of bituminous coal, crude petroleum, ingot steel and also the mill consumption of cotton surpassed any other month. Steel mill operations and bituminous coal production dropped since the miners' strike while the consumption of the silk and wool output and rubber tyres increased in volume. Building contracts were larger than in any previous month and the production of building materials increased.—Reuter's American Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" was due here this morning at 8 o'clock, and berths at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Middlesbro', Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on May 2.

Paris, April 28.—According to the "Echo de Paris" the Government will consider measures to check the buying of Defense Nationale bonds, of which the legal limit—46 billions—has now been reached.—Havas.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

April 29 to May 5, 1927.

Date		High Water			Lower Water	
April		Standard Times		Ht	Standard Times	Ht
Fri.	29	m 7 52		5.6	m 1 44	1.3
			7 56a	5.5	1 46 a	2.3
Sat.	30	m 8 19		6.1	m 2 18	1.5
			8 53a	6.2	2 50 a	1.6
Sun.	1	m 8 47		6.5	m 2 51	1.8
			9 49a	6.0	3 23 a	1.1
Mon.	2	m 9 25		6.9	m 3 22	2.2
			10 4 a	5.5	4 10 a	0.7
Tues	3	m 9 17		7.1	m 3 51	2.6
			11 45a	5.0	4 55 a	0.6
Wed.	4	m 10 20		7.2	m 4 18	3.0
					5 48 a	0.7
Thurs	5	m 0 49		4.5	m 4 42	3.3
		m 11 5		7.1	6 42 a	1.0

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			April 11, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾脊	lb.	30	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	30	23	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	32	23	12
" Roast	燒肉牛	"	30	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	26	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	26	20	18
" Steak	牛扒	"	30	24	22
" Steak Sirloin ...	牛柳扒	"	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh..	牛脷鮮	each	60	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.20	—$1.20	
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt ..	牛腩鹽	"	34	20	18
" Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	25	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet..	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊柵骨	lb.	48	26	—
" Leg	羊腳	"	48	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	48	24	—
" Saddle	肉	"	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	"	32	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set	5	—	12
" Feet	豬腳	lb.	16	15	—
" Fry	豬什	"	28	15	18
" Head	豬頭	"	18	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	15	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	35	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	"	60	25	23
" Leg	豬腳	"	30	—	—
" Loin	豬腰脊	"	32	60	70
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet..	羊腳	per set	35	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	14	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	56	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order.	乳豬	lb.	20	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	"	30	20	18
" Mutton	鮮羊油	"	50	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
" " No. 1..		"	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	25	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	18	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	塘魚 (省河淡水)	"	16	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	28	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	"	28	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	"	30	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	55	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	28	16	2
Dab		"	70	23	16
Dace	青竜脷	"	20	10	9
Dog Fish	鰮肚沙	"	12	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	"	20	16	—
" Fresh Water ...	淡水鰻	"	18	10	18
" Yellow	黃鱔	"	22	26	30
Frogs	田雞	"	65	32	25
Garoupa	石班	"	40	40	30
Gudgeon	白鱲	"	30	18	15
Herrings	鮮白鰛	"	24	22	18
Halibut	鮮東甲	"	32	18	23
Labrus	鳥花魚	"	60	22	18
Loach	鰍魚	"	55	22	24
Lobsters	鮮蝦	"	50	32	21
Mackerel	鮮青魚	"	12	20	26
Monk Fish	鮮老鼠	"	35	32	28
Mullet	鯔魚	"	28	13	2
Oysters	鮮蠔	"	22	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚公魚	"	25	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	"	30	20	15
Pike	花斑老魚	"	16	16	9
Plaice	鮮魚	"	20	23	14
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧魚	"	40	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧魚	"	45	36	30
Prawns	鮮蝦	"	100	36	45
Ray	鮮魟公	"	10	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	"	20	13	18
Roach	鮮鯇魚	"	32	22	16
Salmon	鮮鮭魚	"	30	36	30
Shark	鮮鯊魚	"	8	8	10
Skate	鮮魟魚	"	14	10	10
Shrimps	鮮蝦	"	30	26	36
Snapper	紅鮮魚	"	48	32	30
Soles	鮮龍利魚	"	30	22	22
Tench	鮮魚	"	28	22	18
Turbot	鮮魚	"	30	18	18
Turtles, small ...	龜	"	$1.40	40	—

Poultry.

			April 11, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	55	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	"	50	28	30
Capons, Large	肥閹雞	"	55	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	45	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)..	雞蛋	per doz.	28	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh) ...	新鮮雞蛋	"	33	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
" Hoihow	海口鴿	"	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	70	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞母	"	65	51	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	—	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	—	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	60	35	—
Apples (California) ..	金山蘋果	"	24	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	7	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	13	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	7	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	32	25	30
Oranges (Canton) ...	新會甜橙	"	18	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	24	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	14	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large ...	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	—	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	12	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	24	—	16
Grapes	香提子	"	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鴉芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	15	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	10	—	—
Brinjals, Green	矮瓜	"	7	5	9
" Red	紅瓜	"	7	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	6	5	12
" (Shanghai) .	上海菜	"	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch ...	蔗笋	"	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large) ..	大椰菜花	each	—	—	—
" (Medium)	中椰菜花	"	—	—	—
" (Small)	細椰菜花	lb.	—	6	6
Carrots	金笋	"	7	6	6
Celery, Chinese	塘臭芥	"	8	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	"	30	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	"	25	10	16
" Green	青花椒	"	22	8	12
Curry Stuff, English .	架喱材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	16	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	"	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	8	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	7	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.		"	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	45	—
Lettuce	鮮生菜	"	2	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	10	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	"	—	—	8
Okroes		"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	"	9	8	3
" Green	生葱	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海葱頭	"	7	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	25	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	3	—
" Japanese	日本番仔	"	5	3	—
" American	金山薯仔	"	6	3	—
Pumpkin	金瓜	"	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	"	18	—	10
Shallots	干葱头	"	9	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	"	7	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	"	10	7	—
Taros	芋頭	"	5	6	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	"	5	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	冬瓜	"	—	—	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	"	6	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	6	8	—

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HONG KONG WATERWORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, on and after SUNDAY, the 1st May Next, A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF WATER WILL BE TURNED ON in ALL RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS until further notice.

H. T. JACKMAN,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. D. O. RUSSELL has been appointed Chairman of the Local Committee and also joint Attorney with Mr. FRANK GOODWIN, acting Manager, for this Company during the absence on leave of Mr. W. L. Pattenden.

By Order of the Directors.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer & Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

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HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. FRANK GOODWIN has been appointed acting Manager of the above Company, with Co-power of Attorney, during my absence on leave.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer & Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

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ADDITION TO PROGRAMME

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Hong Kong, 27th April, 1927.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC MEETING 1927.

TO be held on the United Services Recreation Ground, Kowloon, May, 5th and 6th.

OPEN EVENTS:—
6th May.

One Mile Flat Race—Timed for 3-10 p.m.

One Mile Relay Race—Timed for 5-0 p.m. (220, 440, 880, 220 Yds. Teams of 4).

Open to the Royal Navy, European Garrison (including H.K. V.D.C.), Hong Kong Police, and British Residents.

Sports to commence at 2-0 p.m. each day.

Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

STAND COURT.

SUBJECT to weather conditions the following is the proposed programme:—

FRIDAY, 29th April.
Red Ticket.
SEMI-FINAL OPEN DOUBLES.
Yew Man Tsun & Yew Man Kit
v.
T. Honda & H. Akiyama.

SATURDAY, 30th April.
White Ticket.
SEMI-FINAL OPEN DOUBLES.
H. D. & S. A. Rumjahn
v.
I. M. Razack & J. Cassumbhoy

MONDAY, 2nd May.
Blue Ticket.
SEMI-FINAL OPEN SINGLES.
Ng Sze Kwong v. H. D. Rumjahn

TUESDAY, 3rd May.
SEMI-FINAL OPEN SINGLES.
T. Honda v. S. A. Rumjahn

WEDNESDAY, 4th May
THURSDAY, 5th May
or
FRIDAY, 6th May.
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HONG KONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUBS in Membership are reminded that all suggested additions, Alterations or Amendments to the Rules of the above League must be sent in to the undersigned not later than MAY 1ST, in accordance with League Rule 25.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th April, 1927.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLE CHASES.

Saturday, April 30th, at 3.15 p.m.

ADMISSION TO PUBLIC ENCLOSURE: $1. LADIES FREE.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1927, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a terms of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1387.	West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1179, Mong Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.				7,305	52	13,013.50

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong Station, April 28.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.

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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR APRIL, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
April 29	5.53	6.48
" 30	5.52	6.49

"NEED FOR TRUTH."

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S SPIRITED SPEECH.

"BOLSHEVIK BOOMERANG."

HOW CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CAN HELP.

Yesterday's annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce was noteworthy for a forceful and eloquent speech by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, in which he referred to the "Bolshevik boomerang" of strikes, boycotts, labour unrest and mob violence—weapons which would most certainly curl back and deliver their shrewdest blow at those who endeavoured to wield them.

His Excellency also referred to the need for telling the truth in China as to Great Britain's friendliness to counteract the lying propaganda which gave the initial impetus to the machinations of the Bolsheviks, and asked for the greater co-operation of the two Chambers of Commerce in this matter.

Referring to the measures which had been taken to prevent the possibility of disturbances locally, His Excellency said "We are determined to have no Bolshevism in this Colony."

The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman of the Chamber), and with him were H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and the following members of the General Committee.—The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Messrs. W. H. Bell, Paul Lauder, F. A. Perry, J. A. Plummer, T. G. Weall, L. J. Davies, Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., and Lieut.-Commander L. J. Pitcairn-Jones, D.S.C., R.N., with the Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

The following members were also present:—

The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. B. M. Talati, Mr. Frank Austin (individual members), Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co. (Mr. J. M. Alves), A. V. Apcar & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. H. Cooper), Asiatic Petroleum Co. (South China), Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell), W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. S. Bailey), Banker & Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung), The Bank Line, Ltd. (Mr. J. R. Collis), Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie (Mr. A. Rollin), Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. A. Macgowan and Mr. K. S. Morrison), British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. F. A. Perry and Mr. A. P. Bungey), Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Carlowitz & Co. (Mr. R. Schmidt), General Agency, Ltd. (Mr. Chas. Wallace), China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. B. C. Hornell and Mr. G. M. Shaw), Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chau), Donnelly & Whyte (Mr. L. M. Whyte), Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. A. Leggatt), Fung Tang (Mr. Fung Kong-un), Gibb, Livingston Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. J. Davies), Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin), T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. P. A. Dixon), A. S. Henry & Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. H. Dutton), Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. J. Blackburn and F. Goodwin), Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Murray), Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Hall), Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. H. Crapnell), Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. S. Greenhill), Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes), Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. P. Sherry), Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd. (Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy), Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. M. Dyer), J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. P. S. Cassidy), Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. Sutherland), Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), Keller, Kern & Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. A. Keller), A. & P. Leong Hingkee & Co. (Mr. P. Leong Hingkee), Lowe, Bingham & Matthews (Mr. John Fleming), W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. D. O. Russell), Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (Mr. M. T. Johnson), Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. (Mr. C. L. Sandes), Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. T. Takahashi), A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. (Mr. M. A. Williams and Mr. Wong Oi Kut), National City Bank of New York (Mr. F. McD. Courtney), Netherlands Trading Society, Pentreath & Co. (Mr. C. P. Marcel), Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Lander Lewis), Robertson, Wilson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. W. Sewell), J. M. da Rocha & Co. (Mr. J. M. da Rocha), Alex. Ross & Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland), Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., (Mr. W. L. Pattenden), Rudolf, Wolff & Kew, Ltd. (Mr. C. H. W. Kew and Mr. A. E. Kew), David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. Ezra), E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. E. Ost), Shewan, Tomes & Co. (Mr. A. L. Shields), Shiu On Steamship Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chau), South British Insurance Co., Ltd. (F. S. Harrison), Stewart Bros. (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin), Thoresen & Co. (Mr. S. Berg), Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. P. Lauder), Union Trading Co. (Mr. S. M. Churn), Harry Wicking & Co. (Mr. J. Owen Hughes), Wilkinson & Grist (Mr. D. H. Blake).

The Chairman's Review.

Prior to H.E. the Governor's address, the chairman, reviewing the events of the year, said: Your Excellency and gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some days and with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

I wish to express to you, Sir, the great pleasure it gives to us to have you with us at this meeting. Trade is the purpose for which the Colony exists and it is very gratifying to us that the Government keeps in close touch with the committee of this chamber and is continually consulting us in connection with matters affecting our trade.

Your presence here to-day, Sir, is further evidence of the keen interest you take in the trade of Hong Kong and I can assure you that the committee of the Chamber is at all times ready and glad to afford the Government all the assistance which lies in its power.

I must apologise for the late date at which this meeting is being held. It should have been at the end of March but our Secretary, Mr. Key, was absent on Home leave last year and it has taken him some time to prepare the report. It has involved a great deal of work and the able way in which it has been compiled reflects great credit upon him. All matters of interest which have been dealt with during the year are set out fully and there are only a few things on which I wish to offer any comment.

Losses Through Death.

The late Mr. Holyoak presided at the annual meeting last year and it was with great sorrow that two months later we learnt of his death shortly after arriving in England. Mr. Holyoak had been a member of the Committee for 13 years. He was Chairman for 5 years and represented the Chamber on the Legislative Council for over 10 years. He did a prodigious amount of work for the Chamber and this bare record can only give an indication of his unremitting and unselfish labours on behalf of the business community.

By the death of Sir Paul Chater we lost our oldest individual member. Sir Paul was a member of this Chamber for 54 years. He had an unswerving faith in the future of Hong Kong and was associated with most of its principal enterprises. He paid special attention to property and it was due to his initiative that the large and important reclamations in Hong Kong and Kowloon were undertaken.

In addition to his many business activities Sir Paul was an unofficial member of the Executive Council for nearly 30 years and rendered invaluable service to the Colony during that period.

The late Mr. Ho Fook had been a member of the Chamber for thirty years. He was compradore to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson Co., Ltd., for a quarter of a century and he devoted a great deal of time to matters connected with the welfare of the Chinese Community. He was also a member of the Legislative Council for four years.

We have thus lost during the past year three of our leading citizens whom we can ill afford to spare in the critical time through which we are passing, and on behalf of the Chamber I wish to express to their relatives the deep sympathy of the Chamber in their recent bereavement.

Greater Confidence.

When we last met there was reason to believe that an early termination of the boycott might be expected. Unfortunately this proved to be incorrect and it was not until October 10, that it was lifted. Even then there was considerable misgiving as to what the future had in store, but business conditions have very materially improved since that time and there is more confidence amongst the Chinese merchants. But the purely local situation in South China has been overshadowed by the developments in the Yangtse Valley following on the success of the Nationalist Government's Northern Expedition.

It is not my intention to dwell on the political situation and the recent events which are fresh in the minds of us all, but I do wish to say how very much we appreciated the action of His Majesty's Government in sending out in the nick of time a strong force to defend the settlement in Shanghai against possible attack from any quarters. (Applause). The occurrences of the last few weeks have more than justified their policy and one hesitates to think what would have happened in Shanghai if it had been left to share the same fate as Nanking.

Great Britain was singled out by the Red element as the object of its attack, but since the agreement was made for the rendition of the Hankow Concession the enmity has been directed at other nationalities as well. The yielding to what were believed to be the aspirations of the Chinese people has so far been a complete failure. It is now evident to the world at large that the spirit of revolution which is running amok in China cannot be quietened just by surrendering all the privileges and rights acquired by treaty, and it is very satisfactory and encouraging to find the Powers united in action in connection with the Nanking atrocities.

[Since the foregoing was drafted, added the chairman, it has been most disappointing to hear that the Powers are having difficulty in getting their ideas into line but I trust they will be able to do so without delay.]

Hopes For Future.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the Moderates amongst the Nationalist party, representing as I am sure they do the sound and progressive views of the bulk of the Chinese people, will soon be able to establish their supremacy and restore peace and good order in the country.

For purposes of record there have been included in our report important statements of British policy towards China. These clearly show the friendly and sympathetic attitude of Great Britain and will be useful for reference. We have also included the speech made by H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong at a meeting of the Legislative Council in October of last year. The sentiments expressed therein have our hearty support and we look forward to the time when we shall be able to co-operate with our friends in Canton in the development of the province of Kwangtung. With peaceful conditions in the neighbouring province and a good progressive Government, prosperity will soon descend on what is at present a much harassed country.

Piracy Questions.

This leads to the question of piracy which is one of the worst features arising from the unsettled conditions in South China.

You will find in the report a list of steamers which have been pirated and taken to Bias Bay in the last few years. In addition to these there is a list of 30 piracies of small Chinese craft which were reported to the police in 1926, but they are probably only a small percentage of the actual piracies which have occurred.

As regards Bias Bay you will observe how the activities of the pirates in that district have increased during the past few years. In 1925 two vessels were taken there and looted, in 1926 eight and in the first three months of this year three.

The authorities in Canton have made two or three half-hearted attempts to curb the activities of the pirates, but the complete failure of their efforts is obvious from the increasing number of piracies which have taken place. It was very satisfactory, therefore, to learn that on March 30, within 24 hours of the piracy of the s.s. "Hopsang," a Naval expedition had razed three villages at Bias Bay and given the people a solemn warning that in the event of there being further piracies the action would be repeated. Great care was taken that no personal injury was caused to any of the inhabitants. It is sincerely to be hoped that this will have the desired effect of stopping these depredations on shipping which have been causing a well nigh intolerable situation.

"Sunning" Officers' Gallantry.

After the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" in November, the Government appointed a Committee to enquire into the whole question of piracy and the existing piracy regulations. The report of that Committee was published within the past week but we have not yet had time to consider it.

I cannot leave this subject without referring again to the s.s. "Sunning" piracy. A brief account is given in the report of the officers' gallant attack on the pirates after they had obtained control and which resulted in the recapture of the ship. This attack was made against unknown odds and carried out with splendid resource and daring. (Applause). The conduct of the officers and engineers was in accordance with the highest traditions of the service and I wish to place on record the Chamber's appreciation of their magnificent achievement.

Their action on this occasion serves to illustrate what the officers and engineers are prepared to do and would do in defence of their ship when attacked by pirates if they were not overwhelmed and disarmed before they were aware of what was taking place.

Teaching Chinese Language.

With regard to the Chamber's Chinese Language School, seventeen students have been in attendance in the beginners' class in the course of the last twelve months. These numbers have been reduced by the passing of students into the advanced class, also by transfers to other ports, so that the beginners' class at the present time contains six students. In the advanced class the numbers have been as high as 15, but recently several certificates of proficiency were awarded and the number of students now in attendance is four. As soon as these students have obtained certificates a new beginners' class will be formed.

As I think members generally are aware, the Chamber has been able—thanks to the invaluable help of Dr. Pearce (as Director of Studies until last year) and of the Hon. Mr. Kotewall (as Independent Examiner)—to maintain the Language School since the year 1916. A considerable number of members of commercial staffs have acquired, since then, a sufficient knowledge of colloquial Cantonese to enable them to transact ordinary mercantile business in the language. The classes are held at times which have proved convenient to the students, either in the tiffin hour or after five p.m. on three days a week. In addition, each student has an hour's individual conversational practice with a private teacher provided by the School.

The trend of events in China recently has brought home to everybody the necessity for establishing closer contact between Chinese and non-Chinese, and, as a practical means of obtaining this, I would earnestly commend the work of the Language School to the support of firms and individuals throughout the Colony. We are ready practically at any time to start another beginners' class and will be happy to do so forthwith on receipt of even a small number of entrants.

Vehicular Harbour Traffic.

With the growth of motor vehicles in Hong Kong there has arisen an increasing demand for an adequate service for transporting them across the Harbour. Apart altogether from private cars, the establishment of such a service will lead to the delivery of goods from godowns in Hong Kong or Kowloon direct to destination, thus saving time and money. The Government have given the matter considerable attention during the past year and intend to publish a sessional paper at an early date giving details of the proposed scheme, and this is now awaited.

The effect of the boycott on the trade of Hong Kong in 1926 is indicated by the number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared in that year compared with 1924, the last complete year before the boycott was instituted. In 1924 there were 57,765 vessels representing 38,770,499 tons and in 1926 only 30,231 with a tonnage of 28,371,104.

The Storm Weathered?

We have indeed been passing through a very difficult and trying time for nearly two years but we

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MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
ATSUTA MARU ..... Saturday, 7th May, at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 21st May, at 11 a.m.
HAKONE MARU ..... Saturday, 4th June, at 11 a.m.

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MORIOKA MARU ..... Saturday, 30th April.
NAGATO MARU ..... Tuesday, 10th May.

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TANGO MARU ..... Tuesday, 24th May.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
SADO MARU ..... Saturday, 30th April.
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D'ARTAGNAN	A	8th Apr.	10th May	7th June
ANGERS	B	22nd Apr.	24th May	21st June
PORTH B	A	6th May	7th June	5th July
SPHINX	A	20th May	21st June	19th July

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SHIPPING SECTION.

S.S. "TJILEBOET."

By cutting her in two, the Taikoo Dock has salved the forepart of the J.C.J.L. s.s. "Tjileboet," which ran aground at Ling Ting Island some days ago and was damaged by the rocks.

The forepart was several yesterday and taken in tow by the tugs "Taikoo" and "Henry Keswick," which brought her back to Taikoo Dock at Quarry Bay.

Such a feat is unique in this part of the world and, it is believed, the third on record anywhere.

Mr. C. J. Quarles van Ufford of the J.C.J.L. was out at the scene and accompanied that part of the ship into dock.

Two of the crew on the "Empress of Asia" (arrived here to-day) died during the voyage over from Vancouver.

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SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 61 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 22 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day, there were 10 arrivals (6 British) and 15 departures (7 British).

SURVEYING OPERATIONS.

Information has been received by the Harbour Office that surveying operations will be carried out in the vicinity of the Kiev Bank (Lat. 10 N. Long. 110 E.) about the middle of May.

One or more unlighted surveying beacons may be encountered in this vicinity.

ASST. HARBOUR MASTER.

Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood, the new Assistant Harbour Master, arrived here yesterday on the "Morea" and has taken up his duties at the Harbour Office.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

For anchoring in the cable reserve off Stonecutters Island, the mistress of a cargo-boat was fined $10 at the Marine Court this morning.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Hong Kong passengers arrived on April 28 from London, via ports by the P. & O. s.s. "Morea" were:—

From London: Mr. G. Gerrard, Mr. P. Bethell, Mr. J. F. Wohlgemuth, Pay Comdr. M. Littleton, Miss M. A. MacCabe, Mr. W. P. Sum, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. M. Hosegood, Miss Dennhy, Mr. R. D. Dickenson, Surgeon Lt. N. Dickenson, Capt. H. G. Fogg, Lt. R. C. Vacher, Mrs. S. F. Del Court, Mrs. E. W. Morris, S/Sgt. R. Fenton, S/Sgt. W. Mackenzie, S/Sgt. W. Allen, S/Sgt. Wilkinson, L/Sgt. L. Dew, L/Cpl. W. Kent, Pte. A. Lyons, L/Cpl. A. Quinsay, Miss A. Webber (for Manila).

From Southampton: Mr. J. A. Worswick, Lt. A. Chishom-Batten, Lt.-Comdr. C. A. Routh, Squadron Leader C. MacPherson, Wing Comdr. B. Huskisson.

From Marseilles: Mrs. J. Gless, Mr. T. E. Hammond, Mr. H. S. Forster, Mr. A. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beekman, Mrs. C. A. and Walker, Miss N. Bryan, Miss L. Crabbe, Lt. F. G. H. Jones, (for Manila: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker, Mrs. M. Masselmann).

From Port Said: Miss L. D. Kirkness, (for Manila: Mrs. W. M. Spotswood, Miss A. Drake).

From Colombo: Rev. and Mrs. W. V. Higgins, Miss. F. Justin, Miss M. Wallace, Mr. R. Yeates, Mr. G. McGanley.

From Bombay: Mr. S. S. Chillaram.

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DEPARTURES.

First-class passengers for Hong Kong, arrived on April 29 by the "Empress of Asia" from Seattle, Japan and Shanghai were:—Miss E. Darville, Miss A. McNeill, Dr. J. K. Milward, Mr. W. H. Peters, Mr. A. Ashworth, Mr. J. Bourne, Mr. J. H. Green, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Hu, Mr. Y. K. Kak, Mr. J. M. Kak, Mrs. C. Y. K. Kak, Mrs. L. Y. K. Kak, the Misses H., Y. and K. Kak, Mrs. Manley, Mr. R. Maurin, Mr. J. C. Nei, Mr. P. I. Newman, Mr. P. F. O'Jare, Mrs. and the Misses Ow-Yang, Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Pei, Mrs. Poo, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Purcell, Miss R. Rumjahn, Mrs. N. S., Miss M. and Mstr. L. Tong.

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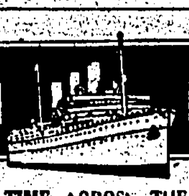

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
INDO MARU .....Saturday, 7th May.
CELEBES MARU .....Thursday, 19th May.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU .....Saturday, 30th April.
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SEATTLE MARU .....Saturday, 30th April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEKKO MARU .....Saturday, 30th April.
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HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
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JAPAN PORTS
ALTAI MARU .....Friday, 13th May.
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KAIJO MARU .....Sunday, 1st May.
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TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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	Departure	Wednesday	May 4	5 a.m.
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	Departure	Friday	May 6	5 a.m.
SEMPORNA	Arrival	Friday	May 6	8 a.m.
	Departure	Saturday	May 7	Noon
TAWAU	Arrival	Saturday	May 7	6 p.m.
	Departure	Sunday	May 8	5 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Arrival	Monday	May 9	6 a.m.
	Departure	Wednesday	May 11	4 a.m.
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LAHORE	5,252	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	6,863	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, P'ang, Col'bo, B'bay & Karachi
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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ARAFURA	6,000	29th April 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney: & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,956	3rd June	
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KASHMIR	8,985	12th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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CEYLON.

MR. AMERY PROPOSES TO APPOINT COMMISSION.

RESTRICTED POWER OF GOVERNOR.

Colombo, April 11.

A step of far-reaching importance, which the Secretary of State for the Colonies proposes to take in regard to the revision of the Constitution of Ceylon, was announced by Sir Hugh Clifford at a private dinner held in honour of Mr. E. B. Alexander at the G. O. H. on Saturday night by members of the Legislative Council. His Excellency stated:—

"I am authorised by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State to announce that he has had under consideration certain representations made to him by me relative to the revision of the Constitution. Mr. Secretary Amery desires me to say that he is fully aware of the assiduity, devotion to duty, and public spirit manifested by the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council in the conduct of public affairs. He points out, however, that proposals for revising the Constitution will require careful examination and consideration, in the course of which opportunity should be afforded to all shades of opinion to receive a full and impartial hearing. He accordingly proposes to advise His Majesty the King to appoint a small Special Commission composed of probably four members, at least two of whom will be persons of Parliamentary experience in Great Britain, to come out to Ceylon towards the end of the current year, to enquire into and to advise upon the matter in detail."

His Excellency, in the course of a lengthy speech dealing with his experiences as Governor, declared that the present Constitution was unsatisfactory, as it separated power and responsibility.

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SENATORE MARCONI'S FORECAST.

London, April 10.

"The time is coming when friends will be able to see and speak to each other from the different ends of the earth."

This remarkable conception was forecast by Senatore G. Marconi in discussing the possibilities of beam wireless and television.

He prophesied that crystal sets in England would be able to pick up speeches and concerts transmitted from any part of the globe, while television, or picture transmission, would become as easy between England and Australia as between places half a mile apart.

It is noteworthy that a company has been formed this week to develop and commercialise television.

It expects to put on the market by Christmas a compact apparatus at the price of about £30, which is attached to a four-valve wireless set to depict events happening miles away, suggesting the astonishing thought that plays, and sporting events in future may be performed without spectators, yet they will trill invisible thousands.

"TELEKINESIS."

WEIRD EXAMPLES IN NEW BOOK.

London, April 11.

"Telekinesis," in other words, the exertion of force at a distance, which is said to have enabled M. Ossowicki, the famous Polish medium, to move a heavy marble statue two and a half metres nearer to him, in broad daylight, is one of the weird forces mentioned in Dr. Geley's "Clairvoyance and Materialisation," a translation of which is now published.

The book is copiously illustrated with striking photographs showing the processes of materialisation, and deals with psychic investigations made in a Paris laboratory, attended well-known scientists and lawyers, who attest to the validity of the experiments.

There are amazing descriptions of the production of ectoplasm, in seances of the much-discussed "Eva."

She was completely undressed in an adjoining room, and her hands held, yet a typical photograph reveals the formation from a white amorphous mass of the head of a tiny woman.

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Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Cardiff" are reminded that goods will be subject to rent after to-day.

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To the masses the New Testament to-day is virtually unknown.—The Bishop of Birmingham.

In the next forty or fifty years I am sure that the centre of the Empire's wealth will shift from the North Sea to Canada and Australia.—Sir Hugh Denison.

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Osaka via Moji, Yokohama & Kobe	HOSANG .....Sun.,	1st May, at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG .....Mon.,	2nd May, at 3 p.m.
T'tau via Swatow & Shanghai	HANGSANG ....Wed.,	4th May, at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING.Thurs.,	5th May, at 7 a.m.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	WAISHING .....Sun.,	8th May, at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG .....Mon.,	9th May, at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	LAISANG .....Tues.,	10th May, at 3 p.m.
Kobe via Amoy & Moji	FOOKSANG .....Thurs.,	12th May, at 7 a.m.
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HAIRDRESSERS RESENT QUACKS.

New York, March 15.

The president of the American Master Hairdressers' Association (Mr. Nessler), addressing the association, to-day, said women and children in the United States during 1926 spent 390,000,000 dollars in beauty culture, in 3,000 beauty parlours throughout the country. There was need, he said, for a house cleaning in the "beauty industry," and he asked members to combine in an effort to drive out quacks and charlatans. He complained that careless workers, and lack of sufficient training, did great damage to the effort to increase feminine beauty. He had conducted a thorough-going questionnaire, he said, among prominent persons, to determine their attitude to the practice of women resorting to artificial means of beautifying themselves, and he had read many replies containing strictures upon the American habit of so-called "make-up."

BOULOGNE MYSTERY.

London, April 12.

In connection with the Boulogne mystery, Doctor Paul, the famous French pathologist, who conducted a post mortem examination of the remains of Nurse Daniels, declared that death was due to strangulation, or suffocation.

The murder mystery is intriguing the whole of France.

Piquancy is added to the proceedings owing to a quarrel between M. Rozet, the examining Magistrate, and an Inspector of the Surete, who has thrown up the case and returned to Paris, declaring that M. Rozet's attitude is "impossible."

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J. LIMAGE,
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Hong Kong, 29th April, 1927.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th May, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

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May 18	Seattle	Geo. Washington	June 15	Pmth-Cbrg June 23
May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 21	Cbrg-Shmptn July 1
June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	July 2	Cbrg-Shmptn July 8
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 9	Cbrg-Shmptn July 15
June 15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 13	Pmth-Cbrg July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	Cbrg-Shmptn July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	Pmth-Cbrg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	Cbrg-Shmptn Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	Cbrg-Shmptn Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Pmth-Cbrg Aug 25

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PRESIDENT WILSON .....Tuesday, June 21st 6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN .....Tuesday, July 5th 8.00 a.m.

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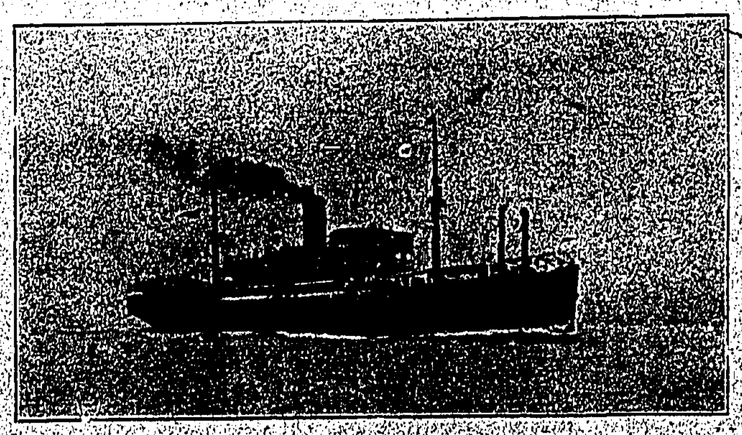

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Hong Kong, Friday, April 29, 1927.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI'S SPEECH.

Sir Cecil Clementi's speech at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday was at once an inspiration and a challenge—an inspiration to the mercantile community of Hong Kong and a challenge to those who are making mischief between the British and the Chinese. The "China Mail" takes pleasure in associating itself with His Excellency's tribute to the Colony's merchants. That they should have "carried on" in spite of strikes, boycotts, armed pickets, bandits, pirates and civil war—an array of evils not to be found in any other part of the world—is a splendid achievement. After the storms they have already weathered, the merchants of Hong Kong, British and Chinese, can look forward to the future with fresh hope, for as Sir Cecil Clementi added, they will certainly win through to eventual success.

Sir Cecil Clementi's reference to British policy in China was a straight challenge to our enemies. There is no twisting his words. British policy in China has always aimed solely at security, freedom and equal opportunity for British trade. "Great Britain, as all the world knows, has no territorial ambitions whatsoever in China. It is, therefore, most amazing that the self-styled 'Nationalists' of China should vociferously and incessantly denounce Great Britain as their 'enemy,' while clasping to their hearts as bosom-allies the Russian Bolshevists, who appear to be pursuing in Chinese Turkestan, in Outer Mongolia and in Manchuria the old Czarist schemes of Slavonic aggrandisement in the Far East." As His Excellency added, all but the purblind can see that Russia is not the friend of China.

All but the purblind can see that Britain is the friend of China. Ever since the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen alleged that Britain was seeking to make China "a semi-colony," the Press in Hong Kong has been pointing to the obvious fact that, quoting Sir Cecil Clementi again, it is Great Britain, not the Russian Soviet, which would rejoice at the establishment of a strong, stable, enlightened, patriotic and efficient Government of re-unified China. Such a Government, besides restoring peace and security in China, would bring about safe and normal trading conditions. Moreover it would solve the entire problem of the Pacific. In the face of these facts it is sheer folly — or evil-mindedness — to assert that Britain wishes the chaos in China to continue.

Sir Cecil Clementi's statement that the Government is determined to have no Bolshevism in Hong Kong will receive general support, for there is no doubt His Excellency spoke the truth when he added that the Chinese as well as the European community is of one mind on this matter. Bolshevism is being recognised everywhere to-day as a blight. China is awakening to this fact, and the economic weapon—or as Cecil Clementi called it, the Bolshevik boomerang—is beginning to recoil on those who have been misled into thinking it invincible. When it has knocked out a few more of the bolshevized Chinese, we may confidently look forward with His Excellency to the day when "Great Britain and the British Colony of Hong Kong will be recognised throughout the Eighteen Provinces as the most potent, the most beneficent and the most congenial friends and coadjutors of the Chinese people in this era of its renaissance."

A Notable Contribution.

In announcing a donation of one million pounds toward the cost of the Singapore Base the New Zealand Government has taken a step that will meet with unqualified approval in all parts of the Empire. It dissipates the idea that has prevailed heretofore that Australasia had no more than an academic interest in the Singapore Base for the selfish reason that the Base was not being constructed on Australasian soil. Moreover, just as they have still "Little Englanders' at Home in spite of all the lessons of the war, so have they both in Australia and New Zealand people who look askance at any monetary aid toward schemes of Imperial moment such as the Singapore Base. It may be recalled that a couple of years ago they even criticised the temporary visit of the Australian cruiser "Sydney" to Chinese waters. New Zealand's offer of a million pounds toward the Singapore Base should be an example to the Commonwealth Government and to the Governments of other Colonies that have hitherto stood aloof from practical identification with the scheme. New Zealand realises that the Base is not a purely local affair but an Empire matter worthy of the loyal support of all units overseas. Coming as it does only a few weeks before Empire Day, New Zealand's generosity should form the text for many a homily on Empire unity, confounding those critics who pretend to see in the signs of the times a gradual process of disintegration of the greatest Empire that has ever existed. The Mother Country and her large family abroad stand firmly together in all concerning the Empire's interests, and that is an asset of tremendous value in these troublous days.

CABINET MEETING.

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Posts on River Bank.

No other gunfire has taken place to-day.

A ship arriving from Wuhu reports that many Nationalist soldiers are billeted in huts along the banks.—British Naval Wireless.

[Mystery still surrounds the fighting on both banks of the Yangtse River, between Chinkiang and Nanking. The rumours concerning an armistice are conflicting, this being due to the irregular course of the campaign.]

Hankow's Position.

Hankow, April 28.

Other than the concentration of troops in preparation for the Fengtien advance, there is nothing to report.—British Naval Wireless.

Steamer Attacked.

Kiukiang, April 28.

Fire was opened with field guns on the s.s. "Pingwo" in Osborne Reach on April 26.

Large bodies of troops were noticed moving up the river in junks below Kiukiang.—British Naval Wireless.

[The troops moving up the Yangtse are Moderates, loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek, whose base for operations against the Hankow Party has been established at Kiukiang. "Up river" means in the direction of Hankow.]

British Sailors Land.

Wuhu, April 28.

As very few soldiers are now to be seen and little activity on shore, a recreation party landed from H.M.S. "Caradoc" yesterday for the first time, the co-operation of the Police having been obtained to prevent any possible interference.—British Naval Wireless.

Wei-hai-wei Currency.

Wei-hai-wei, April 28.

The only currency accepted on shore here are the notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and the Chartered Bank.—British Naval Wireless.

AT WUCHOW.

Foreigners Returning to the Port.

[From An Occasional Correspondent.]

Wuchow, April 27.

In spite of consular warnings, a number of foreigners have returned to this port which, on the surface at least, seems quiet.

Five of the Alliance Mission arrived the other day to hold a conference with their native colleagues.

A minister of the Church Missionary Society also came to make inquiries whether it would be prudent to ascend the Fu River to Kweilin city, the capital of Kwangsi province.

A priest of the Maryknoll Mission was bound for Pingnam.

Other arrivals include two Portuguese interested in electric and other business and the superintendent of the Stout Memorial Hospital.

Protest Against Taxes.

A one-day strike was organised by the local cargo-boats and junks as a protest against the levies of the new Bureau of Navigation which has been established by the Nationalist authorities.

This came into being when the Commissioner of Maritime Customs at Canton issued a circular forbiding foreign engineers to inspect hulls and machinery of steam and motor launches.

The Bureau has added to its duties the supervision of all native craft, besides the mechanically propelled ones. The Maritime Customs has been asked for data in its possession and the strike is the boat-people's reply to the Government.

Alleged Collision.

It is reported here that the military authorities are to put in a heavy claim against the owners of a Hong Kong-Wuchow passenger steamer for the alleged sinking by collision of the chartered motor-vessel "Kwang Hing" of 70 tons, off the Marble Hills (above Yuetshing) some three weeks ago. The authorities maintain that a woman and three children were drowned.

H.M.S. "Moth" is still in port.

ARMY MYSTERY.

The Nationalist Camp At Kiukiang.

One of the senior field officers in the Nationalist Army has, through a private cable to Hong Kong, explained the mystery surrounding the troop movements along the Yangtse in and near Kiukiang.

By wireless, it was yesterday reported that units of the 2nd, 3rd and 6th Nationalist Armies were marching on General Chiang Kai-shek's side to Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province and at present dominated by Extremists.

On the other hand, Reuter said that the Moderate and Extremist troops at Kiukiang were intermingling, with a likelihood of a joint attack on the North.

Soldier-Adventurer.

The sender of the telegram is General Chin Han-tin, a Yunnanese soldier-adventurer who rose from the ranks and at one time ruled his native province as Generalissimo. For a time, he was in Kwangtung and he also has many friends in Hong Kong.

This general was in the interior of Kweichow province, in the south-west of China, some months ago, with a following of 8,000 rifles.

When the Cantonese Expedition was in Kiangsi, the 3rd Army under General Chu Pei-teh was seriously depleted in the assault on Nanchang. General Chu Pei-teh had, before joining the Nationalist cause, been a subordinate of Chin Han-tin. General Chu Pei-teh sent his erstwhile leader an invitation to join his army.

Attacked by "Friends."

Accordingly, Chin Han-tin started on a long trek from Kweichow. On entering the outskirts on Hunan province, the 8,000 Yunnanese were attacked by the local Nationalist garrison under General Tang Seng-chi (8th army) of Hankow, who mistook the "invaders" for an enemy.

At any rate, the Yunnanese lost 3,000 men but the remainder reached Kiangsi and were embodied in General Chu Pei-teh's command as a division, each officer stepping down on rank owing to the reduction of the unit from an army into a division.

Since then, General Chin Han-tin has been the mainstay of the 3rd Army. He is a firm supporter of General Chiang Kai-shek and a staunch opponent of Communism.

Political Opposition.

Had it not been for political opposition, General Chin Han-tin's division would have been fighting side by side with Chiang Kai-shek. At least two of the three divisions in the 3rd Army are "in alliance" with Chin Han-tin, the majority of the other division being loyal to the officer commanding (General Chu Pei-teh).

When Hankow "dismissed" Chiang Kai-shek, General Chin Han-tin broadcast a statement in support of the Moderates while Chu Pei-teh was believed to be in sympathy with the communists. Holding, as he does, the stronger hand in the 3rd Army, General Chin Han-tin is now leading his section of the command on Chiang Kai-shek's side and, accordingly, fraternising with Chiang Kai-shek's garrison of loyalists at Kiukiang.

Conflicting Interests.

This probably explains the "intermingling" referred to by Reuter but need not necessarily indicate a rapprochement between the opposing Parties in the Kuomintang.

The fact that various military units in the north of Kwangtung province and the south of Hunan province are taking up positions with sharply conflicting interests points to the breach still existing between rival generals in the Southern Armies.

It is the same with the 2nd and 6th Armies. One division, or even a brigade, may prefer to fight for the Moderates while another under the same general is just as determined to throw over Chiang Kai-shek.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Spectre of Famine in China.

Shanghai, April 28.

The situation in that part of China under nationalist control, outside of Shanghai, is growing more tense and complex. Hankow appears to take seriously the Fengtien threat to come down the Peking-Hankow railway. To-day's wireless message states that the Nationalists were thrown back along the Honan front in more than a minor encounter.

A wireless from Kiukiang states that the retreating Hankowites are flooding in, lending colour to unconfirmed reports that Chiang Kai-shek is moving against Hankow.

In the meantime Hankow's internal situation is becoming worse. The embargo on silver is disastrously affecting the little remaining business. Chinese business men are closing up and thousands of workers are thrown on the streets with every prospect of starving as supplies coming into the city are greatly diminished owing to the embargo and the unwillingness of the peasants to grow surpluses owing to the danger of seizure.

Hankow is not the only place likely to face famine. Reports from many towns in Honan and Hunan speak of mobs of starving labourers looting and destroying. All Chinese in these provinces as well as in Hankow who have anything to lose are endeavouring to get out to Shanghai.

In the meanwhile there are increasing evidences that the Hankow and Nanking factions will not allow their quarrels to plunge them into conflict, both realising that this would only be playing into the hands of Chang Tso-lin. —Reuter.

A POOR BARGAIN.

Criticism of the Hankow Agreement.

London, April 28.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the China Association, Mr. L. N. Leefe declared it was difficult to see whom the Hankow Agreement benefited. The British had suffered an immediate loss in depreciated assets, while Chinese traders and business men were at a standstill. Its only benefit was that it made its repetition impossible elsewhere. Events had proved that the Chinese had no power to keep their share of the agreement, however desirous they might be to do so. Co-operation with the Chinese was the aim to which all minds directed in revision of the Tientsin concession and the future administration of the international settlement at Shanghai, but the changes must be safeguarded at every step.

The Government ought to decline to enter into fresh negotiations until it had received complete satisfaction for the Nanking outrages, and until it had received reliable assurances that it was dealing with responsible parties who would honour their agreement.

An apparently negative policy in China would be foredoomed to failure. He felt that the Government appreciated it could not stand immobile on the basis of arrangements made when China was a very different country from to-day. Elements of success lay in a policy of conciliation and strength.—Reuter.

Yangtse Incidents.

Rugby, April 28.

The British gunboat "Cockchafer" has again been fired on from Hsiakisan when leaving Nanking. She returned the fire with machine guns.

The United States warship "Penguin" was engaged by rifles and field guns below Kiangyin, and four of her men were wounded.—British Wireless Service.

60,000 SCOTS.

WANT TO LIVE IN UNITED STATES.

HUGE WAITING LIST.

London, April 13.

Thousands of would-be Scots migrants have applied for emigrant visas to go to America.

The Consulates in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee have a waiting list of 60,000 applicants, of whom more than 50,000 live in South-Western Scotland.

It had been expected in July that the United States quota of emigrants from Great Britain would be raised from 34,000 to 73,000, but Congress has decided to postpone for a year the operation of the new policy, under which the increase would be possible.

At the outside, Scotland's share of the British quota this year will not exceed 15,000.

GLASGOW CRASH.

STREET AWASH WITH WHISKY.

London, April 13.

Glasgow streets ran with whisky to-day, and people, in their anxiety to prevent the precious fluid from flowing down the drains, lay on all fours at the roadside and lapped it up.

Others soaked their caps with the spirit and sucked them, while many men and women quickly laid hands on bottles and cans and filled them from the alcoholic stream.

These scenes were the sequel to a collision between a tram-car and a lorry, on which there were five barrels of whisky.

When I am approached by promoters of musical festivals I usually ask them whether they want a good festival or a commercial success. If they are prepared to lose £1,000, they will have a good one; if £2,000, a very good one; and if £3,000, a great piece of work—or they may have a bad festival and a commercial success.—Sir Henry Wood.

"NEED FOR TRUTH."

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have been able successfully to survive the attempt to damage and destroy the trade of Hong Kong which has been built up over a long term of years. Losses have been heavy, certainly, but I am optimistic enough to believe that already we have weathered the storm and are on the way to better times. The prosperity of Hong Kong has rested in great measure upon confidence in the security that the British Government has been able to offer to our citizens, their trade and investments. It has now been demonstrated that we can withstand the severest attack that could be made by employment of the so-called "invincible" economic weapon and it has proved to be of no avail against us. Moreover the British Government has stated that it has no intention to give back the Colony to China.

These two facts will greatly increase the sense of security which Hong Kong can give. It is therefore safe to view the future with confidence and look forward to an era of development and prosperity such as we have not yet approached. But we are here to trade with China and what we specially desire and need are stable conditions in South China where merchants and others can follow their lawful avocations in safety and peace, and these we trust will be realised at an early date.

I have no further remarks to make and now beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question which members may desire to ask.

Seconder's Speech.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden seconded. He said: Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, we have followed with close interest the able speech just delivered and, if I may be permitted to do so, should like to endorse the Chairman's remarks with regard to the honour, felt by us all, in the presence of His Excellency at our annual meeting this afternoon. His never failing interest in the trade of Hong Kong, which, as you, Sir, rightly state, is for which the Colony exists, is deeply appreciated by all sections of the mercantile community. We feel with you, Sir, the losses we have sustained by the death of Sir Paul Chater, our oldest individual member, Mr. P. H. Holyoak, and Mr. Ho Fook, all men of outstanding ability, who ever had the interests of the Colony at heart. Their places will be hard to fill.

The annual report that has recently been circulated is, in my opinion, a striking testimony to the work of the Chamber. I am glad to notice, included in the report, are various memoranda, dealing with the present situation in China and His Excellency's speech in the Legislative Council on October 15 last year.

I venture to suggest that members send copies of the report to their various friends in other parts of the world, drawing special attention to these memoranda which, I think, explain clearly and concisely the attitude of the British Government in regard to recent events in China. I should like, if I may be allowed to do so, to congratulate the Committee on the manner in which this comprehensive report has been drawn up, and particularly Mr. Key, our able secretary, on whose shoulders, I understand, the work of compilation has largely fallen. We are glad to have Mr. Key with us again after his well earned holiday.

Naval Co-operation.

We have learned with satisfaction the stern but necessary measures taken by the naval authorities in dealing with the almost impossible situation that has arisen owing to the lack of any real attempt by the Chinese authorities to cope with the continual piratical depredations, and it is to be hoped that the mensures taken will have a salutary effect. Our sympathies go out to the men of the naval force who had—what is not perhaps realised by all—a very unpleasant duty to perform, but carried out in difficult circumstances in a spirit of true chivalry.

I was particularly glad to notice the reference made to the "Sunning" piracy and the great appreciation shown of the gallant action of the officers and engineers in recovering their ship against almost overwhelming odds.

As you rightly say, Sir, we have been *through difficult and anxious* times during the past two years but the sound lines on which the trade of the Colony, is conducted, is evidenced by the manner in which, in spite of the chaotic state of affairs in the neighbouring provinces, and the insensate boycott proclaimed against British goods, business has been carried on. (Applause). It is to be hoped that saner and wiser counsels among those in control of this great country, in which we are so deeply interested, will prevail, and the futility of the use of this economic weapon, the boycott, of which we have heard so much recently, will be realised, affecting as much, if not more, those using it, as it does those against whom it is directed. Given peace and quietness in the country, and a wise and progressive Government, I am convinced we shall see a prosperity in China such as we have never realised, and linked up as we in Hong Kong are with Canton and the surrounding districts—for we are interdependent one on another—this prosperity will be reflected on Hong Kong. While it may yet be a long time to the peaceful conditions we all desire there are, I am inclined to think, signs of a break in the clouds. (Applause).

His Excellency's Speech.

H.E. the Governor's speech was as follows:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I am glad you invited me to be present here to-day, for it gives me an opportunity of expressing publicly my admiration of the dogged determination with which the mercantile community of Hong Kong has continued to do "business as usual" in spite of the discouraging and even alarming situation in which, for no fault of ours, we find ourselves placed. Neither strikes, nor boycotts, nor armed pickets, nor bandits, nor pirates, nor civil war have deterred British or Chinese merchants in this Colony from maintaining their trade with Canton and the other principal centres of commerce in China. Under the bludgeoning of fate you have suffered, but you are unbowed and, what is more, you will certainly win through to eventual success; for your aims are precisely those of the great mass of the Chinese people—safe and normal trading conditions. (Applause).

Now, as always, British policy in China aims wholly and solely at security, freedom and equal opportunity for British trade throughout the territories which once formed the Chinese Empire, but which are now distracted and disintegrated by Bolshevism and civil war. Great Britain, as all the world knows, has no territorial ambitions whatsoever in China. It is, therefore, most amazing that the self-style "nationalists" of China should vociferously and incessantly denounce Great Britain as their "enemy," while clasping to their hearts as bosom-allies the Russian Bolshevists, who appear to be pursuing in Chinese Turkestan, in Outer Mongolia and in Manchuria the old Czarist schemes of Slavonic aggrandizement in the Far East.

When Sanity Returns.

This self-deception is one of many symptoms of the madness now afflicting the wild men of the Kuo-min-tang. When sanity returns to them, they will see—as all but the purblind now see—that it is Great Britain, not the Russian Soviet, which would rejoice at the establishment of a strong, stable, enlightened, patriotic and efficient Government of a re-unified China. (Applause). From such a Government we should have nothing to fear; for it would restore peace and a security to the harassed population of the Eighteen Provinces and give back to Chinese merchants the thing they most desire, I mean safe and normal trading conditions, free from the tyranny of Bolshevized Labour. (Applause).

We are quite determined to have no Bolshevism in this Colony. The Chinese as well as the European community of Hong Kong is of one mind in this matter, and I have no doubt whatever that we shall succeed. All the recent emergency measures taken by the Hong Kong Government aim at obviating any disturbance of the law and order and good feeling now happily prevailing among us. We shall certainly not allow any "imperium in imperio to be formed here by an armed and violent proletariat, as unfortunately has been the case at Canton, at Hankow and in other Chinese cities. The shelter which Hong Kong offers from the storm now raging in China is appreciated by none more than by the Chinese themselves, who of late have been taking refuge here by the thousand. They are welcome and they will be protected. (Applause).

"Scandalously Forgetful."

Another thing we are resolved upon is that our coastwise shipping shall not be preyed upon with impunity by organised piracy, such as that emanating from Bias Bay. Time and time again the Cantonese authorities have been urged by the Hong Kong Government and by His Majesty's Consuls General at Canton to stamp out this pest. Over and over again we have offered them for this purpose our full naval and military co-operation, if they desired it. They have, however, rejected our offer of help and they have done nothing whatever themselves. In fact they have been scandalously forgetful of the first duty of any civilized and self-respecting Government, namely the suppression of piracy and brigandage and the maintenance of law and order. At long last His Majesty's Government has now inflicted salutary punishment upon the pirate dens in Bias Bay. We hope that the lesson given will suffice. We hope that the Cantonese authorities will now themselves take the necessary steps to police Bias Bay and to prevent its use as a pirate base. But, if they do not, we are determined to see this matter through and to protect our shipping from further outrage of this kind. (Applause). The report of the Piracy Commission, just published, indicates very clearly what we have to do.

Boxer Year Comparison.

An instructive comparison and contrast can be drawn between present-day happenings in China and the events of the Boxer year. In 1900 the anti-foreign extremists of northern China believed that in the bullet-proof Boxers they had found a weapon capable of driving all foreigners into the sea. But the great Chinese Viceroys at Hankow, Nanking and Canton—Chang Chih-tung, Liu K'un-i and Li Hung-chang—knew better and kept peace with the foreigners along the Yangtse and in the South, while northern China was in turmoil. The northerners then learned that Boxers were not invulnerable and that to exterminate all foreigners was less easy than they had supposed. Remembering this, the northerners to-day are not attempting to destroy foreign treaty-rights by violence, but are willing to negotiate a friendly settlement. It is the southerners this time who believe themselves to have found an invincible weapon wherewith to drive all foreigners out of China.

They miscall it "the economic weapon," meaning thereby strikes, boycotts, labour unrest, mob violence,—all excited by lying propaganda,—piracy, brigandage and every other means of making trade in China unprofitable to the foreigner and residence in China disagreeable to him. A better name for this weapon would be "the Bolshevik bludgeon" and those who brandish it have been taught by their Russian "high advisers" that with this weapon they can so bedevil the foreigner that of his own accord he will after a while pack up his traps and leave China for good. But the true name of this weapon is "the Bolshevik boomerang," because it will most certainly curl back and deliver its shrewdest blow at those who endeavour to wield it. (Applause). Already none suffer from it more than do the Chinese themselves, and it will sooner or later knock out every bolshevized Chinese in the country.

How Chambers Can Help.

Lying propaganda of the most virulent type gives the initial impetus to all these Bolshevik machinations: and, gentlemen, we must counter it by telling the truth and exposing the falsehoods. There are many who, like Coventry Patmore, would sit down and say that for lack of them the world's course will not fail.

"When all its work is done, the lie shall rot.
The truth is great and will prevail,
When none cares whether it prevail or not."

Such a defeatist attitude will not help us now. We must be up and doing. We must see to it that the lie shall rot before, not after, its poisonous work is done, and that the truth is widely told all over China now when the victory of truth is the best means of averting the Bolshevik menace. The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce should give most serious consideration to this matter. (Hear, hear).

The Darkest Hour.

Gentlemen, it is always the darkest hour that comes before the dawn; and already I seem to see a glimmer of light on the horizon. The Chinese Nationalist Party is at last struggling to rid itself of the taint of Bolshevism and is discarding Comrade Borodin and other demagogues who deliriously direct chaos and who are prophets of communism and "world-revolution." It now looks as if measures, similar to the emergency regulations made by the Hong Kong Government to save this Colony from the tyranny of bolshevized Labour, have also been enforced by Chinese nationalist generals both in Shanghai and at Canton and in other large cities, although Chinese generals have had to use the mailed fist where I was fortunately able to use the velvet glove. We may, therefore, be on the verge of a renewal of the friendly relations which are traditional between this Colony and the neighbouring provinces of China. With all my heart I hope that it is so. I have complete faith in the future of this Colony. (Applause) I do not believe that the day of British influence in China is drawing to a close. On the contrary I believe that, when the spasm of madness now convulsing China is spent, Great Britain and the British Colony of Hong Kong will be recognised throughout the Eighteen Provinces as the potent, the most beneficent and the most congenial friends and coadjutors of the Chinese people in this era of its renaissance. (Cheers).

The resolution having then been put to the meeting and carried unanimously, the Chairman said: On behalf of the Chamber, I wish to thank your Excellency for coming here this afternoon and for the very able and helpful speech you have made. The matter to which you have drawn the attention of the Chamber, will certainly be considered by the Committee and I to thank you again for so kindly being present with us to-day (Applause).

The Committee.

Mr. A. L. Shields proposed that the following be elected the General Committee for the ensuing year: Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Messrs. W. H. Bell, N. S. Brown, L. J. Davies, J. Owen Hughes, Paul Lauder, F. A. Perry, J. A. Plummer and T. G. Weall.

Mr. F. S. Harrison seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

New Members.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey, the meeting confirmed the election of the following members elected during 1926: Mr. Frank Austin, Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co., The China Agency and Trading Co., of Hong Kong, Ltd., Messrs. A. P. Leong Hingkee and Co., Messrs. Sui Heung Yuen.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated.

MYSTERY FILM.

"THE UNHOLY THREE" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Some very clever impersonations are to be seen in "The Unholy Three," the attraction at the Queen's which opened yesterday and will be showing to-day and to-morrow at all performances.

Lon Chaney—whom the Chinese call the "great wicked star"—gets a fine reception as the brains of a daring gang which includes a Hercules (Victor McLaglen, the former British boxer) and an adult midget who passes for a baby.

Mae Busch and Matt Moore supply the element of romance.

Like most of the Chaney pictures, "The Unholy Three" is packed with mystery—mystery of a kind which gives plenty of thrills, including a grand climax.

The perliminary comic is full of fun and sets off the big film nicely.

"MARE NOSTRUM."

BIG FILM COMING TO THE QUEEN'S.

Alice Terry and Antonio Moreno enact the leading roles in "Mare Nostrum" and give one of the most delightful and sincere performances ever seen on the screen. During their motion picture careers these two noted players have never appeared at such an advantage as in "Mare Nostrum," coming soon to the Queen's Theatre.

Freya Talberg, the beautiful blonde spy, as portrayed by Alice Terry, is a sensational woman and at the some time sympathetic and real. It is a complete departure from the queenly parts Miss Terry has enacted in previous pictures and the result is a sincere tribute to her as an actress.

Antonio Moreno has long awaited a Blasco Ibanez story and the handsome Spanish actor takes advantage of his opportunity. Moreno is one of the most romantic figures on the stage or screen and in this picture he demonstrated he is a finished actor.

Both Miss Terry and Moreno are big attractions. Miss Terry made her debut in a star role in Rex Ingram's production of "Hearts Are Trumps." She followed this with leading parts in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," "Where the Pavement Ends," "The Conquering Power," "Turn to the Right," "The Prisoner of Zenda," "Scaramouche," and "The Arab." These were all Ingram productions. Miss Terry was also featured in the Metro-Goldwyn production of "The Great Divide" and "Confessions of a Queen."

OUT OF LUCK.

LOTTERY TICKETS RESULT IN FINES.

In Major Willson's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, two Chinese were charged with writing and possessing 96 popiu lottery tickets valued at $56.50.

Detective Sergeant Baker conducted the prosecution, and accused were defended by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

The police made a raid on the second floor of No. 131 Hollywood Road on April 25 and found the two accused in a cockloft. The first man was sitting at a table writing on small slips of paper. Second accused was squatting on the floor near the table.

Mr. Loseby did not deny that the papers found were genuine lottery tickets, but said the accused did not have any intention of selling them. They had bought them to try their luck and as possession for other purpose than for sale was not an offence, he submitted he had no case to answer.

First accused, in the witness box, claimed he did not know what a popiu ticket was. The second man bore out Mr. Loseby's statement that he had bought the tickets to win a little money. A list of numbers and names found in the house accused explained was his record of tickets bought from time to time. Each time he failed to win he used a different name to change his luck.

The first man was convicted of writing the tickets and fined $50. Second accused was found guilty of possession and fined $100 or two months' jail.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

The Committee begs to acknowledge, with very many thanks, contributions as below:—

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DIED IN A CHAIR.

A Chinese died suddenly in a chair in Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon. He was on his way to the Tung Wah Hospital. The police removed the body to the public mortuary.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

April 29—World Theatre; "The Freshman."

April 29—Star Theatre: "Big Brother."

April 29—Tea Dance at Cafe Restaurant Parisien, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

April 29—Concert for Servicemen at the "Cheer O," Y.M.C.A., Chater Road.

April 29-30—Grand performance by Prof. Harry Pisler, Lee Theatre, Percival St., Happy Valley, 9.15 p.m.

May 2—Dance at R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks under the Auspices of the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals Junior Dance Club, 8.30 p.m.

May 4—Cafe Restaurant Parisien holds Dress Carnival Dinner Dansant at which function prizes for ladies will be presented.

May 6—Annual dinner (Engineer Co.) and presentation of shooting prizes, H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 8 p.m.

May 2—M.I. & A.C. Coy's dinner and concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

Sports.

April 30—Postponed Easter Meeting of the Fanling Hunt, 3.15 p.m.

April 30—Closing cruise of the R.H.K. Yacht Club, 3 p.m.

April 30—Opening of the Hong Kong league tennis season, 4 p.m.

May 5-6—Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, 2 p.m. each day.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

Meetings.

May 7—Third annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

May 9—Officers' Mess Meeting H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first annual meeting of British Traders' Ins., Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.14 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth yearly meeting of China Fire Ins., Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

May 3—Valuable household furniture, at Messrs. Lammert Bros.' Sale Room, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sale.

May 2—Sale of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui, by public auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 1—Full water supply to the Colony's rider main districts from this date until further notice.

May 1—Opening of bathing beaches at North Point and Kennedy Town.

May 2—Dinner and Concert at Volunteer Headquarters 7.45 p.m.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves Murray Pier 10-20 a.m.

May 3—Screening of the Leipzig International Industries Fair, and various modern methods in the manufacture of mcahinery, at Queen's Theatre, 10.45 a.m.

May 7—Taiwan Bay Beach will be open to the Public from to-day.

If religion is done away with, what is to take the place of discipline?—Capt. F. Graham, M.P.

Half the troubles of the world have been caused by people who refuse to accept Euclid's axiom that the whole is greater than the part.—Mr. T. L. Humberstone.

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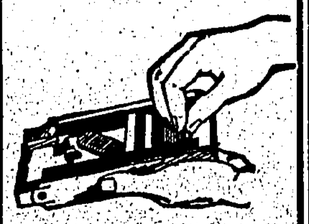

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Only one case of notifiable disease was reported yesterday, that being of a Chinese with enteric fever (typhoid) from the city registration district.

At a meeting of the General Committee held subsequent to the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. T. G. Weall was elected vice-chairman.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, (G.O.C. South China Command) will attend the dinner and-concert of the Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday night. After the dinner there is to be a cabaret concert, the artistes including eight of Hong Kong's most talented ladies.

The management of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. have consented to screen the six-reel film, featuring the development of the Leipzig International Industries Fair, dating from the 13th century to the present time. Also to be screened is the three-reel film showing some of the various modern methods in the manufacture of machinery. The Directors of the Fair, through their Hong Kong office, invite all interested to be present at the Queen's Theatre next Tuesday, at 10.45 a.m.

One of the most important schemes in connection with the development of Singapore was inaugurated when H.H. the Sultan of Johore performed a ceremony which sent the first of the water supply from Gunong Pulai in Johore on its way to the island. Johore officials and Singapore Municipal Commissioners attended, and Mr. R. J. Farrer, President of the Commissioners, made a speech giving a short history of the work and inviting the Sultan to perform the opening ceremony. The Sultan then cut a cord, causing a counterweight to fall which raised a board and admitted the water to the pipe.

The Engineer Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are holding their annual dinner, at which shooting prizes will be presented, on Friday, May 6.

The "Daily Express" understands that the Grand Lodge of Freemasons are shortly to consider the whole question of re-admitting to their former privileges those members who in the war became enemy aliens. Early in the war they were virtually suspended.

UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD, N. Y.

Captain George Hubert Wilkins, scientist and explorer, will soon again be flying over the wastes of the Arctic, his objective the 3,000,000 square miles of unexplored area north of Alaska.

Harrington Hall, Spilsby, Lincs, a beautiful mansion with associations with Tennyson, which was to have been sold in lots prior to demolition, was purchased privately a few minutes before the time for auction by Major W. H. Rawnsley, a well-known Lincolnshire landowner. The price was not disclosed. The historic mansion will thus be preserved, to the satisfaction of thousands of tourists.

At present displayed at Madame Flint's "Au Chic Parisien" are a number of prizes which will be presented to ladies at the dress carnival dinner dansant to be held at the Cafe Restaurant Parisien on Wednesday, May 4.

When the Ullswater Hounds were hunting on the eastern foothills of the Pennines a fox, which was hard pressed as it breasted one of the fells, was attacked by a raven. The raven was seen by the Hunt followers to descend time after time in an attack on the running fox, the fox savagely biting at the bird in counter-attack. As the hounds closed in on the fox the raven flew away, and the fox was brought down after a hard run.

Two similar blue and white silk scarves played an important part in the reunion of two elderly women on board the White Star liner "Corinthic," which arrived at Southampton from New Zealand. Mrs. M. Lilley, of Auckland, who is making her first visit Home since she went to New Zealand in 1875, was met on board by her sister, Mrs. Howes, of Chelsea. Neither having seen the other for 52 years, Mrs. Howes had purchased the two scarves in London and posted one to her sister. Both wore these scarves, which, when the sisters met, led to happy recognition.

Concern is expressed in certain quarters, says the Colombo correspondent of the "Statesman," in regard to the position of young men who are arriving almost every week in Ceylon to take up planting as a career. The question is being asked what the effect on unemployment in the planting industry will be if the admitted increase in the number of "creepers" who are brought out to Ceylon on a premium-paying basis by individual planters is not checked, or in the event of a slump in tea or rubber, which would throw many European assistants engaged durir ; the period of comparative affluence of last year out of work. This state of affairs, adds the "Malay Mail," which has given rise to misgiving even in Malaya is, in our opinion, one that will in no way benefit the planting industry and its ill-effects may be felt severely within the next few months.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. Coulthart arrived back in the Colony yesterday by the "Morea" after a trip down to Singapore.

Mr. J. A. Worswick is back in the Colony, arriving yesterday on the "Morea" on which he embarked at Southampton.

After several months' Home leave, Mr. G. Gerrard returned to the Colony yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. "Morea" from London.

Mr. A. H. White returned to Hong Kong yesterday after a holiday at Home. He is in Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik, & Co. Mr. White was also one of the passengers on the "Morea," sailing from Marseilles.

Mr. L. J. Blackburn (engineer and manager of the Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd.) is not going Home for two months or so, his leave having been delayed by unavoidable circumstances. Mr. Frank Goodwin's power of attorney will, therefore, be effective from the date of Mr. Blackburn's departure.

Mr. D. F. Gordon-Stables, who was a planter for a considerable number of years in different parts of Malaya, and who was particularly well-known in the Kajang district a few years ago, has proceeded to Monrovia, Liberia, to take up an appointment with the Firestone Plantations, Ltd., says the "Malay Mail."

Engineer Commander F. W. Bromley, D.S.O., R.N., is leaving the Colony to-morrow by the "Malwa," on completion of his term of service in the China Station. He was entertained by some friends at the Hong Kong Club to-day, when a presentation was made in appreciation of his hospitality as host for H.M.S. "Tamar" during the last two years.

The "Morea" brought in a large number of Service officers yesterday, including, from London: Pay Comdr. H. Littleton, Surgeon Lt. N. Dickenson, Captain H. G. Fogg, Lt. R. C. Vacher; from Southampton: Lt. A. Chisholm-Batten, Lt.-Comdr. C. A. Routh, Squadron Leader C. MacPherson, Wing Commander B. Hoskisson; from Marseilles: Lt. F. G. H. Jones.

Bound for Shanghai on the "Morea" which arrived here yesterday from London were Lady Douglas Hall, Captain G. R. Rowe, Lt. H. J. Wright and Lt. W. J. Hassle.

Sir Hugh Clifford has honoured the Scotsmen of Ceylon by making them the gift of a loving cup in gratitude for what he describes as "the most kindly and encouraging welcome ever accorded by his fellow Britishers to an incoming Governor."

Paris, April 28.—M. Briand received yesterday congratulations from a large number of French and foreign politicians and journalists on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary

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of his entry into Parliament, and told his congratulators that it is peace the world wants but much remains to be done before the goal can be attained. The path is long and difficult, and we are only just beginning to climb it.—Havas.

Dr. J. K. Milward, the local practitioner, arrived back in Hong Kong to-day by the "Empress of Asia," after a brief trip to Shanghai. Other Hong Kong passengers on the liner were Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Pei, Miss A. McNeill, Mr. W. H. Peters and Miss R. Rumjahn.

A number of Army non-commissioned officers arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the "Morea" from London. These were Staff Sergeants B. Fenton, W. Mackenzie, W. Allen and Wilkinson, Lce./Sergeant L. Dew, Lce./Corporals W. Kent and W. Quinsay, also Privates A. Lyons.

Mr. J. M. Walker of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, with Mrs. Walker arrived from Home yesterday on the s.s. "Morea" and will proceed to Manila to-day.

Mr. J. P. Bourne (Superintendent of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.) and Mr. P. I. Newman (manager, Hong Kong Hotel) returned to the Colony to-day by the "Empress of Asia," after a business trip up North.

A number of Police Officers go on Home leave from the Colony by the s.s. "Malwa" to-morrow, including Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy, Sergts. Field, Roberts and Kelly, and Lance-Sergts. Duncan and Walsh. In addition the "Malwa" will carry Mrs. W. G. Gerrard, wife of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and the wife and family of Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds. Sub-Inspector J. Brennan and Sub-Inspector A. Nicoll, sailed yesterday on "Anyo Maru."

London has seen the beautiful Marquise de Casa-Maury, formerly Miss Paula Gellibrand, only at intervals since her marriage. Now, however, her husband has become a director of a leading motor-car firm and she has taken and furnished a small house in St. James's place. Before she was married, the Marquise was known simply as "the Gellibrand," the greatest possible tribute to her beauty. In those days she was a great friend of the Baroness d'Erlanger, whose daughter, now Princess Faucigny-Lucinge, was her close companion.

The Inspector-General of the Ministry of Pensions, Major Herbert Evans, is shortly to retire, under the age limit, after 38 years in the Civil Service. Major Evans has served, in various Government Departments, under 23 Ministers, and has acted as private secretary to three of them. He started work as a pit boy and later worked on the railways before entering the Army, serving both in the regular and the auxiliary forces for many years, in the Heavy Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Yeomanry, and Territorial Infantry. At the outbreak of the war he rejoined the Army and saw active service as a combatant before being invalided out in 1916, when he was appointed the first officer of the Ministry of Pensions, then in course of formation.

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

THE "OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

All those at Home who are interested, directly or indirectly, in Hong Kong and its relations with China will be pleased to have heard the re-assuring statement by Mr. G. Locker Lampson.

That very informative, but nevertheless brief, announcement has served as an appetiser. Further news is wanted.

Business houses in Hong Kong should tell their connections what conditions are prevailing. Individuals should keep their friends posted as to events. Why has trade between Hong Kong and South China improved?

The "Overland China Mail" will answer for you, a number of questions which are always cropping up. Each day's China cables, reports and local news will be found on reference to an index in each issue. For reading or for reference, the "Overland" is equally useful.

This week's "Overland" tells clearly and concisely how a net is spreading around the Chinese Communists at Hankow; how the anti-foreign party is beset with a food shortage, an economic crisis and impending invasion; how foreign vessels have been wantonly attacked, with casualties to an American gunboat; how a British hulk was burned by mischief makers; how the series of startling events at Canton affects Hong Kong—all with footnotes and explanations which tell non-Chinese what they keenly wish to know about China.

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SPORTS SECTION

FANLING RACES.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING TO-MORROW.

1ST/CAMERONIANS' BAND.

Provided the weather remains favourable, there will be a bumper attendance at Kwanti to-morrow afternoon, for the Easter steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt, which comprises five interesting races.

Fields will be bigger this time, so that the layers of the odds—the gentlemen will be on duty as usual—will be able to go in more for long shots. The "tote" and cash sweeps will provide an extra attraction.

Recent rains have just "brought along" the course almost to perfection. There is plenty of grass and the trip itself is worth while on a fine Saturday afternoon.

"Win & Place" Feature.

There will be the stand accommodation and catering as before.

The express leaves Kowloon at 2.07 p.m., to catch which one may take the 1.55 ferry from Hong Kong. The return fares are:—1st class $1.50; 2nd class 90 cents.

The Band of the 1st Batt., the Cameronians will be on duty, by permission of Lt.-Col. E. B. Ferrers and officers, under Bandmaster H. E. Dowell, L.R.A.M.

A new feature will be introduced in the bookmakers' tote—a win and place novelty.

The Derby will be run at Epsom on June 1 and Mr. Frank Haytor will give his call-over on the race, while out at Fanling.

LAWN TENNIS.

LEAGUE SEASON OPENS TO-MORROW.

LIST OF FIXTURES.

At 4 p.m. to-morrow, the Hong Kong league tennis season opens on the grounds mentioned below.

The full fixture list is not being gone through. For one or two reasons, the Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C. games in "A" and "B" divisions are no tbeing played. Matches are as follow (home club given first):—

"A" Division.

Hong Kong Cricket Club v. Kowloon Cricket Club.
United Services Recreation Club v. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

"B" Division.

Kowloon C.C. v. H.K.C.C.
M.B.K. v. U.S.R.C.
Club de Recreio v. Nippon Club.
University v. South China A.A.
Craigengower Cricket Club v. Royal Engineers.

"C" Division.

H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Nippon Club v. Chinese R.C.
Recreio v. South China.
Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association v. Craigengower.
Netherlands Tennis Club v. Taikoo Recreation Club.

H.K.C.C. TOURNEY.

Series of Finals to Begin To-day.

The series of semi-finals and finals (in the open championship events) of the Hong Kong C.C. tournament begin to-day, all on the stand court. Details have already been announced.

No "open" match was played yesterday, chief interest centering in Redmond's victory, in straight sets, in the Club championship. Yesterday's results were:—

Club Championship (3rd round):—F. A. Redmond beat R. M. Henderson 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B":—J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) beat P. E. Barker (rec. 4/6) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles:—S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6) beat J. N. Owen and E. E. Minmack (rec. 15) 6-0, 6-4; L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2/6) beat R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6) beat C. L. Sandes and H. Graves (rec. 15/2) 6-2, 6-1.

To-day's Fixtures.

Open Doubles (semi-final):—Yew Mun-tsun and Yew Man-kit v. T. Honda and H. Akiyama.

Club Championship (3rd round):—S. E. Green v. E. Grimble.

Handicap Singles "A":—R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6); H. R. Remington (rec. 15/1) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6).

Handicap Singles "B":—M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1) v. J. R. Collis (rec. 5/6).

Handicap Doubles:—E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6); Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1/6) v. Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15/2); R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (owe 3/6) v. H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/6); F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15/3) v. Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine (scr.)

ANOTHER RECORD.

NEW PENDULUM BREAK FIGURES.

INVENTOR GOES AHEAD.

London, April 28.

Against Peall at Thurston's, London, Reece increased his pendulum break this afternoon to 2,504 unfinished, thus beating Davis's record.

Later.

At the close, Reece's break war 3,156 unfinished.—Reuter.

Position Explained.

[A new pendulum cannon, invented by Reece, was exploited by him in the preliminary heat of the professional billiards championship against Inman.

It consists of getting the balls jammed at a pocket, scoring direct cannons until the twenty-five allowed by the laws of the game are made, then playing one cannon off a cushion and resuming direct again.

This break was exploited by Davis in the championship final of 16,000 up at Manchester when he manoeuvred the balls into a pendulum cannon position and compiled a break of 2,501 beating the official record of 1,370 held by Newman (the champion). At the close, Davis was ahead of Newman.

Race for Points.

Meanwhile, Reece (who was playing in London) had also smashed Newman's record by means of pendulum cannon break of 1,852 unfinished.

This unfinished break has now been brought to 3,156 (still unfinished), beating Davis's 2,501 and setting up a new record.]

LAI WAH CUP.

LAST MATCH OF SOCCER SEASON.

HOLDERS' THIRD FINAL.

"Official" soccer will be over after to-morrow, when the last match of the local season will be played.

This is the final of the Lai Wah Cup, competed for annually by four teams representing the Civilians, the Chinese, the Army and the Royal Navy.

The competition was inaugurated two seasons ago and the Civilians won both times. This will be their consecutive final.

The match will be played on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, kick-off at 4 p.m. Teams:—

Civilians:—Rodger (H.K.F.C.); Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.); McBride (H.K.F.C.), Hudson (Police), C. F. Remedios (Recreio); Hayes (Kowloon), J. S. Silva (Recreio), Gosano (Recreio), L. Rocha (Recreio), Brown (Recreio). Reserves: Brittain (Police), Oram (Police), Fuertes (Recreio).

The Army:—Lt. Murray (1st/Cameronians); Gr. Excell (R.A.), Sgt. Caveille (R.A.P.C.); Pte. Everest (2nd/K.O.S.B.), Staff Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.), Rifleman Murdoch (1st/Cameronians); Bdr. Ward (R.A.), Rifleman Connelly 1st/Cameronians, Sgt. Leach (R.A.), Sgt. McGlinchey (2nd/K.O.S.B.), Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (2nd/K.O.S.B.)

PORTUGUESE RIFLE CLUB.

About thirty members of the Portuguese Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps met at St. Joseph's College yesterday to discuss rifle, sports and social activities.

Second Lt. S. J. Jarvis was in the chair and he was elected any ex officio member and treasurer of the club, the committee of which was elected as follows:—Mr. M. F. Baptista, Mr. P. M. Xavier, Mr. A. V. Barros, Mr. A. J. V. Ribeiro, Mr. F. A. M. Rosario (secretary), Mr. H. J. Silva, Mr. A. A. Remedios, Mr. A. M. B. Rocha.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Wanderers in a hockey match against the 5th/2nd Punjabis at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow, Wanderers to play in whites:—Sgt. Clark, R.A.; Lt. Mundy, R.N., I. A. R. Duncan; A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell, Major J. P. S. Greig, R.E.; Midshipman Masterman, R.N., Lt. C. R. Garrett, R.N., Capt. E. Manners, R.N., W. Samson, Lt. Atkinson, R.N.

24 HOURS IN WATER.

London, April 11.

Copenhagen.—Miss Edith Jensen, a Danish girl, aged 17, claims the world's swimming endurance record, after 24 hours' continuous swimming at Hamburg.

HOME FOOTBALL.

3 MORE MATCHES IN THE LEAGUE.

ARSENAL WIN AWAY.

After losing in the Cup Final, Arsenal won in the League yesterday—and playing away.

There were three matches in the football league. That of most interest was in the second division. By defeating Chelsea, Clapton improve their prospects of avoiding relegation, while Chelsea's chances of promotion are spoiled.

London, April 28.

To-day's matches in the Football League (home teams given first) resulted as follow:—

Division I: Blackburn 1, Arsenal 2.

Division II: Clapton Orient 3, Chelsea 0.

Division III (South): Charlton 3, Newport 0.—Reuter.

HOME RUGGER.

BRITISH ARMY DEFEATS FRENCH.

PRINCIPAL CLUB MATCHES.

London, April 9.

At Blackheath, in a "rugger" match, the British Army beat the French Army by 12 points to 6.

The French scored an unconverted try after a quarter of an hour. They played better in the first half, marked the British closely, and tackled well.

The interval score was:—England 0; France (a try) 3.

There was sensational play after the restart.

French Forward Absent.

France scored a try, and then Palmer scored two tries for the British in ten minutes.

The French lost a forward, who was injured.

Maxwell and Bryan scored tries for the British, who won by 12 points (4 tries) to 6 points (2 tries).

There were 2,000 spectators present. Rain fell heavily.

Inter-City Match.

Paris, April 10.

Paris lost to London in the inter-city rugger match by 3 points to 8.

Oxford's Defeat.

Stade Bordelais defeated Oxford University at rugger by 26 points to 7.

Club Matches.

London, April 9.

The following are the results of the principal matches played under Rugby Union rules to-day:—

Bath 12, London Irish 8.
Bedford 0, Northampton 28.
Birkenhead Park 12, Moseley 5.
Cardiff 17, Newport 15.
Devonport 45, Old Blues 14.
Harlequins 5, Bristol 6.
Leicester 13, Blackheath 3.
Old Edwardians 12, Old Alleynians 3.
Old Merchant Taylors 8, London Welsh 6.
Plymouth 14, Gloucester 8.
Neath 12, Aberavon 12.
Coventry 11, Guy's Hospital 3.

London, April 11.

The following are the results of rugby matches played to-day:—

Devonport Services 14, Gloucester 11.
Coventry 5, Northampton 0.

"BIG" BASEBALL.

NATIONAL & AMERICAN LEAGUES.

WEEK'S CABLED RESULTS.

New York, April 8.

Baseball matches played in the National and American Leagues resulted as follow:—

National League.

April 21:
New York 2, Philadelphia 4.
Brooklyn 0, Boston 3.
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2.
April 22:
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1.
April 23:
New York 5, Philadelphia 1.
Brooklyn 2, Boston 4.
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 6.
St. Louis 7, Chicago 0.
April 24:
New York 12, Boston 8.
Brooklyn 1, Philadelphia 5.
Cincinnati 3, Chicago 5.
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1.
April 25:
Philadelphia 12, Boston 4.
Cincinnati 11, Chicago 9.
St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 0.
April 26:
Brooklyn 2, New York 7.
Cincinnati 8, Chicago 5.
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 9.
April 27:
Cincinnati 1, Chicago 2.

American League.

April 21:
Boston 4, Washington 7.
Philadelphia 6, New York 13.
April 22:
Boston 3, Washington 7.
April 23:
Philadelphia 4, New York 8.
Boston 5, Washington 4.
Detroit 10, St. Louis 15.
Chicago 8, Cleveland 2.
April 24:
Washington 2, New York 6.
Cleveland 4, St. Louis 9.
Chicago 3, Detroit 4.
April 25:
New York 4, Washington 5.
Cleveland 9, St. Louis 1.
Chicago 7, Detroit 6.
April 26:
Boston 5, Philadelphia 9.
Cleveland 6, St. Louis 2.
Chicago 9, Detroit 8.
April 27:
Boston 1, Philadelphia 4.
Cleveland 2, St. Louis 4.
Chicago 7, Detroit 2.

—Reuter's American Service.

PRIORY PARK.

LINCOLNSHIRE WINNER'S HISTORY.

BIG RACE SURPRISE.

Most of the double-event bets over the Lincolnshire Handicap and Grand National were lost when Mr. J. B. Joel's Priory Park, won the Lincolnshire Handicap, starting at 20 to 1, which was not tipped by the experts nor fancied by the public.

Mr. Joel was not present on the Carholme, but his son saw the triumph of the colours.

The French horse Asterus, which finished up a 3 to 1 favourite, did no better than dead-beat for third place with Melon, and his backers at starting price, with an equal stake win and place, lose in the ratio of 9-16ths of their outlay.

Sussex Celebrity.

Orbindos was a big public fancy, and his name figured in a lot of "doubles" with Grand National horses, but he just failed by a head to overhaul Priory Park as they passed the winning post.

Priory Park is a great celebrity in Sussex. He was bred and trained as a youngster by Mr. Charlie Howard, a Chichester butcher, and was named after the ground at Chichester where his owner scored many cricketing successes.

Tested By a Stop-Watch.

The dam of the colt, Chatham II., was bought by Mr. Howard for £170. It was his first thoroughbred, and the foal by Rocksavage was so good-looking that Mr. Howard decided to keep it and train it himself. The foal was Mr. Howard's pet and would follow him round the paddoc like a puppy.

Later, Clancy, the ex-steeplechase jockey, took a hand in training Priory Park at Singleton. As there were no other horses in the stable, he was tested by the stop-watch, and he made such fast times that he was backed by all the local people when he ran in his first race as a two-year-old in 1924—the Molecomb Stakes — at Goodwood, which he won in a canter by four lengths at 10 to 1.

A Little Bit On.

Still amateur-trained, Priory Park ran in the Derby won by Manna in 1925, but after leading for five furlongs he faded out.

He was bought for £3,000 by Mr. J. B. Joel after his Derby failure, and his victory in the Lincolnshire was his first since his win at Goodwood in 1924.

Mr. Howard, the former owner of Priory Park, was delighted when he heard the news of its success. In his little butcher's shop in North Street, Chichester, he was asked if he had won much himself.

"Well, I had a little bit on," said Mr. Howard smilingly, "and so have most of my friends."

TEAM HOAXED.

A THEATRE HOST WHO VANISHED.

Nearly 30 members of the Fulham Football Club (London) have been the victims of a hoax. A man giving the name of "Squadron Commander Leitch" [there is no such rank in the Royal Air Force] reserved by telephone two seats in the stand for the Second League match between the club Portsmouth at Craven Cottage, Fulham.

On arriving at the ground the man approached Mr. Bradshaw, the Fulham club manager, and said he would like the Fulham and Portsmouth teams to be his guests at the evening performance of "The Apache" at the Palladium. The Fulham team accepted the invitation, and as the Portsmouth team, who had a train to catch, declined, the man asked that the Fulham reserve team should come in their stead. He left the ground without paying for his seats.

Not Enough Money.

All the Fulham players except Beecham, the goalkeeper, went to the theatre. The "squadron commander" had 'phoned to the theatre earlier in the day to reserve 30 seats at 8s. 6d. each, and he arrived at the Palladium in a taxicab with two of his guests, leaving them to pay the driver.

On applying at the box office for the 30 tickets the host found he was 30s. short of the requisite money. A friend who was with him could not oblige, so the host went to borrow the 30s. from one of his guests.

Friend Gone Too.

Thinking he had gone to the box office the guests waited, but as time passed without his putting in an appearance suspicion grew that they had been the victims of a plausible impostor. A search for the host's friend was made, and when he, too, could not be found, suspicion of treachery became a certainty.

The theatre management was approached and an arrangement was made to take at a special price the 30 seats that had been reserved by the missing host.

The man wore civilian clothes and a Royal Air Force tie. He had, too, a wing badge such as certain Air Force ranks are entitled to wear.

STRONG VIEWS.

CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

"IMPERIALISTIC DELIRIUM."

Buenos Aires, April 28.

In an article headed "Extraordinary Declarations," the newspaper "La Prensa" criticises President Coolidge's speech of April 25 declaring that the statements therein are contrary to the principles of international law.

The speech is characterised by "judicial enormities," false reasoning and by President Coolidge claiming to impose United States law on other countries.

Finally the article describes the speech as an "imperialistic delirium."—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

Washington, April 28.

President Coolidge's speech on foreign policy is still being discussed all over the country. Eulogy and criticism respectively are spontaneously being poured out by the Republican and Democratic newspapers.

President Coolidge's allusions to Central American Policy are naturally singled out for special comment, the Republicans glowing with satisfaction and Democrats deprecating them. The latest move of Mr. Stimson in Nicaragua has again brought into the limelight the proposed treaty with Nicaragua whereby Nicaragua virtually becomes an American protectorate which is regarded as the thin end of the wedge into the revision of the Central American treaties of 1923 whereby Nicaraguan sovereignty and independence were recognised similarly with other Central States, though the United States was not a party to the treaties.

President Coolidge's declaration that the United States felt morally responsible for the Governments she recognised north of Panama received the approbation of president Calles and it is generally conceded that this principle will be extended to other republics, neighbours of Nicaragua, where in the event of similar occurrences as in Nicaragua presumably the United States will use the same methods of consolidation of the governments she recognised.—Reuter's American Service.

Mediation in Nicaragua.

Managua, April 28.

Three representatives of the Liberal insurgents have arrived in Managua from Puerto Cabezas aboard a United States destroyer to participate in Mr. Stimson's proposed peace parley. Senor Sacasa himself declined the invitation.

Mr. Stimson is credited with the intention of summoning both Liberals and Conservatives to a round table conference. His proposals include, firstly that President Diaz shall remain in power till December 1928. Secondly the immediate disarmament of both sides. Thirdly an invitation to the Liberals to participate in the Government, and fourthly free elections next year under the supervision of the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIA'S NAVY.

A SETBACK TO IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

LABOUR PARTY'S SUPPORT.

Rugby, April 28.

The House of Lords to-day passed the second reading of the Indian Navy Bill which has already passed the House of Commons.

Lord Birkenhead said the Bill aimed at the development of the Indian Navy from the existing nucleus of the Royal Indian Marine Service into an instrument which, though primarily designed for Indian local naval defence alone, would be fitted to take its part as one of the groups of overseas navies co-ordinated by a common tradition and a common basis to the Imperial naval interests.

Simultaneously by making possible the creation of an Indian Navy it would bring Indian naval defence into its proper place within the system of the Indian constitution.

Viscount Haldane, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the Bill, and pointed out that strategically it seemed proper that India should have a navy of her own. For military purpose India was really an island.—British Wireless Service.

BUDGET NOTIONS.

TAX WOMEN'S HATS—AND SPATS!

London, April 12.

A further sum of £1,250,000 has been offered to the Exchequer!

Colonel R. V. K. Applin (Conservative) asked Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons whether he was aware that at least 50,000,000 ladies' hats are sold annually, and a 10 per cent. tax, at the low estimate of five shillings apiece, would realise the amount mentioned.

"I have enough blood on my hands," retorted Mr. Churchill, amid laughter.

Mr. F. A. Broad humorously suggested taxing spats, and Commander Kenworthy begged the Chancellor to turn his attention to men's hats.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 29, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.		Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.		Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.	
T.T. on London	2/0⅛		2/0⅛		2/0⅛	
T.T. on Shanghai	79½		79⅜		noon	
Banks.						
Hongkong Bank	1035	n	1035 b & sa		1035	s
do. London	£114	n	—		£114½	n
Chartered Bank	£20	n	£20	n	—	
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£32	n	£32	n	—	
do. C.	£13⅜	n	£13⅜	n	—	
P. & O. Bank	£9¼	n	£10	n	—	
Bank of East Asia	68	n	68	n	68	s
Marine Insurances.						
Canton Insurance	$660	n	$660	n	$660	n
China Underwriters	80 cts	n	80 cts	n	80 cts.	b
North China Insurance	T143	b	143	b	—	
Union Insurance	286b 290	292	290 b 291 sa		290	b
Yangtze Insurance	$38 M.	n [sa	38	n	—	
Fire Insurances.						
China Fire Insurance	205	b	205	b	—	
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	b	600	b	600	s
Shipping.						
Douglases	31	n	31	n	31	n
Hongkong Steamboats	22	b	21½	b	21½	b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10	n	1.10	n	1.10	s
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30	n	30	n	30	n
do. (Def.)	40	n	40	n	40	n
Shell Transports	94/-	s	95/-	n	94/-	n
Star Ferries	52	b	52	n	52	b
Water-boats	14¾	b	14½	b	14½	b
Refineries.						
China Sugars	18½	b	18	n	19	b
Malabon Sugars	31	n	31	n	31	n
Mining.						
Benguets	1.70	b	—		—	
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/-	n	38/-	n	40/-	n
Langkats (Combined)	$21	n	21	b	21½	n
do. (Single)	9½	n	9½	n	—	
Shanghai Exploration	T4	n	4	n	—	
Shanghai Loan	T7	n	7	b	—	
Raubs	4	n	4	n	3½	n
Tronoh Mines	21/-	n	—		—	
Ural Caspians	8/-	n	21/-	b	—	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H.K. & K. Wharves	98	n	98	n	90	b
H.K. & W. Docks	38	n	38	n	33	n
Hongkews	130	n	—		150	n
New Engineerings	T5¼	n	4½	b	4.80	n
Shanghai Docks	T99	b	98	b	101	n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.						
H.K. & S. Hotels	6.90	n	6.90	n	6½	b
Hongkong Lands	53	s	54	s	50	b
Hongkong Realty	6	n	6	n	6	n
H.K. Territories	1½	n	1½	n	2	n
Humphreys Estates	12½	n	12½	n	12	s
Prince's Building	89	n	87	n	—	
Rural Lands	1½	n	—		—	
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	T.7	b	7	b	7	n
Orientals	T2	n	1½	b 2 s	2	s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T52	n	50	b	54	n
do. (new)	T26	n	25	b	28	n
Miscellaneous.						
Canton Ices	5	n	5	n	5	n
Cements (comb.)	7	n	7	n	6½	n
do. (old)	6	n	6	n	5¾	n
do. (new)	1	n	1	n	75 Cts.	n
China Buses	9½	n	—		—	
China Lights (comb.)	12	b	12	b	12	b
do. (old)	9	n	9	b	9	b
do. (new)	6	n	6	b	6	b
China Prov.	4.05	b	4	b	3.90	b
Dairy Farms	15	n	15	n	14	b
Der A. Wing	6	n	6	n	17½	b
Hongkong Amusements	17½	b	18	b	2.40	s
H.K. Constructions	2.30	n	2.30	n	51¾	b
Hongkong Electrics	51¾	b 51½ sa	51	b	7	n
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	n	10	n	2	n
do. (new)	5	n	5	n	20	b
Hongkong Tramways	20¼	b	20.20	b	7	s
Lane, Crawfords	7	n	7	n	—	
Macao Electrics	35	b	—		—	
Mackintosh	19½	n	—		—	
Nanyang Tobaccos	—		9.60	n	—	
Peak Trams (old)	15	n	15	b	15	s
do. (new)	8	n	8	n	8	s
Sinceres	9	b	9	b	9	s
Singapore Trams	10.6 b	11/ s	11/-	n	10/6	b
Taxis	1	n	1	n	65 Cts	n
United Asbestos	—		—		—	
(Founders)	—		600	n	—	
do. (Ordinary)	20	n	18	n	—	
Watsons	11	n	11	n	11	s
Wm. Powells	6	n	6	n	5	n
H.K. Telephones	3.60	n	3¾	n	3½	b

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 19th April 1927.

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On Berlin—
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On New York—
On demand ... 49
Credits, 60 days' sight ... 50
On Bombay—
Wire ... 135
On demand ...
On Calcutta—
Wire ... 135
On demand ...
On Singapore—
On demand ... 61
On Manila—
On demand ... 99
On Shanghai—
On demand ... nom.
30 days sight (private paper) —
On Yokohama—
On demand ... 101
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Silver, per oz. ... 25
Bar Silver in Hongkong ... ½ p.m.
Chinese Copper Cash ... nom.
Chinese Copper Cents ... ⅝ pm
Rate of Native Interest ... 7 ½ p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin ... 25½ % d/s.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ... par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, April 28

Paris	124
New York	4.85 11/16
Brussels	34.39
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.13⅝
Milan	90⅛
Berlin	20.29
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.80⅛
Vienna	34.57½
Prague	163⅞
Helsingfors	192⅛
Madrid	37.47½
Lisbon	2 17/32
Athens	365
Bucharest	780
Rio	5 27/32
Buenos Aires	47 9/16
Bombay	1/5 57/64
Shanghai	3/1½
Hongkong	2/0⅝
Yokohama	1/11 7/16
Silver Spot	25⅞
Silver Forward	25

—British Wireless Service.

LADY M.P.'S HEALTH.

London, April 13.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P. (Labour), broke down in the House of Commons to-day and had to leave to consult a specialist.

She has been suffering from nerve strain recently, and had been warned that she was on the verge of a nervous break-down.

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Mr. Lohr, a prominent composer, pianist, and conductor, left the bulk of his property to his wife for life, and on her death—subject to a legacy of £500 to those responsible for "her care and comfort"—the residue to the Royal Academy of Music to endow a "Harvey Lohr Fund" for the benefit of male British-born subjects being sons of British-born parents. Stipulations made include:

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Chaliapin	800
Will Rogers	700
Mary Garden	700
Kubelik	700
Roland Hayes (coloured)	640
Mme. Alda	600
Serge Rachmaninoff	600
Mme. Schumann-Heink	600
Benjamin Gigli	600
Martinelli	600
Alfred Spalding	500
John Charles Thomas	500
Florence Macbeth	500
Geraldine Farrar	400
Ruth Draper	300
Paul Robeson (coloured)	250

Quite recently Mr. Robeson was acting in London in "The Emperor Jones" at a salary of perhaps £100 a week. He is now singing spirituals.

MUSIC TO "HANNELE."

Success of an Operatic Setting.

Berlin, Feb. 24.

Hauptmann's "Hannele" has been produced with music at the State Opera House in Dresden. Paul Graener, a composer who has a certain following in Germany already, has scored an instantaneous success with his operatic setting of a very moving theme. His inspiration for "Hannele" is Bach; the whole work does not take more than an hour and a quarter to perform.

Graener has sublimated "Hannele" completely. His version is a dream play, with a very strong religious bias. The lyrical beauty and tender melody of his music has gained him more praise than the German critical body is wont to give. This "Hannele" was made possible by cutting down the scenes of peasant life pure and simple to the barest minimum necessary for understanding the play.

THE BANNED PLAY.

French Appeal to Lord Crewe.

There is a sequel to the prohibition in London of the production of M. Fernand Noziere's play, "La Riposte." M. Firmin Gemier, who besides being the director of the Odeon Theatre is the president of the Societe Universelle du Theatre, and M. Fortunat Strowski, member of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences and president of the critics' section of the Societe Universelle du Theatre, have sent a letter to the Marquis of Crewe, the British Ambassador, expressing their concern that a piece played in France with so much success should have been prohibited in London. They believe that, while the censor in prohibiting the play acted in all sincerity, he will modify his judgment when he is better and more completely informed.

Lord Crewe is invited to submit their views on the play to the censor, if they appear to the Ambassador to be exact, and to ask him in the name of Franco-British friendship to consent to a new reading of the play.

Ludwig van Beethoven, famous composer, the anniversary of whose death 100 years ago, on March 26, was observed by music lovers throughout the world.

To assist needy students in the production of their works, and to provide prizes.

"To provide greater encouragement to British composers" the testator desires that all lovers of music be invited, from time to time to subscribe to the fund.

"HINDLEWAKES."

Film Fit For World to see.

The first public presentation at the New Gallery Cinema, Regent-street, W., of the new British film "Hindle Wakes" (directed by Mr. Maurice Elvey) confirmed the opinion formed at the recent trade show that this is a great picture—a triumph for the British film industry.

Lancashire at work and play is here given a realism and a spectacular breadth in the stage presentation of the late Mr. Stanley Houghton's play.

The acting of Mr. Norman McKinnell as the self-made mill-owner, Jeffcote, and of Miss Ault as the mother of Fanny Hawthorne, can challenge comparison with anything yet seen on the screen. There is also Mr. Arthur Chesney's direct portrait of the mayor of Hindle.

Here at last is a picture of the real England which may be shown to all the world.

MUSIC OF THE FUTURE.

Sixteen Pianos, Buzzers, And Siren.

George Antheil, a twenty-four-year-old American "modernist" composer, will make his first concert appearance in America in a programme of his own works. The concert is being organised as a benefit for Mr. Antheil, the proceeds to go to the composer to help him to continue his work in Europe. He is to return to Paris soon after the concert.

The programme will include the "Ballet Mecanique," which, the composer explains, is an attempt to express America, Africa, and Steel. It is scored for sixteen mechanical pianos, played from a single master roll and controlled from a switchboard, so that they may be played separately or together. The other instruments employed are eight xylophones, four bass drums, two electric motors with humming and buzzing propeller attachments, a klaxon, a siren, two large pieces of tin and two large pieces of steel, and two octaves of electric bells, played from a keyboard. The programme also includes an "airplane" sonata for piano, and a sonata for violin, piano and drums.

£29,000 OPERA BOXES.

New York Metropolitan To Be Moved.

The Metropolitan Opera House, for 43 years the centre of fashion in music for New York, is to be replaced by a new structure to be erected on 57th Street, a mile north of the present building.

The new building will seat 5,000 people, or 1,400 more than can be accommodated now, and will be surmounted by a tower containing studios.

It will have 32 parterre boxes, sold at £29,000 each to boxholders of the present Opera House, giving each purchaser one thirty-second interest in the new venture and the right to a box at two performances weekly.

Originally costing £280,000, the Opera House property has since commanded offers as high as £2,100,000 from those who desire to replace it by a modern office building.

SHORTER FILMS COMING.

"Many considerations enter into the problem of the exhibition of pictures nowadays," says the general manager of First National Films. "These render it imperative that feature productions should be shorter than heretofore. In future, most of our pictures will be limited to approximately 6,000 feet except in the case of specials.

"The public has become tired of lengthy pictures; this fact has been demonstrated again and again. Also with the modern method of arranging programmes to include prologues, vaudeville, and special features, too long a picture cuts into the exhibitor's profits.

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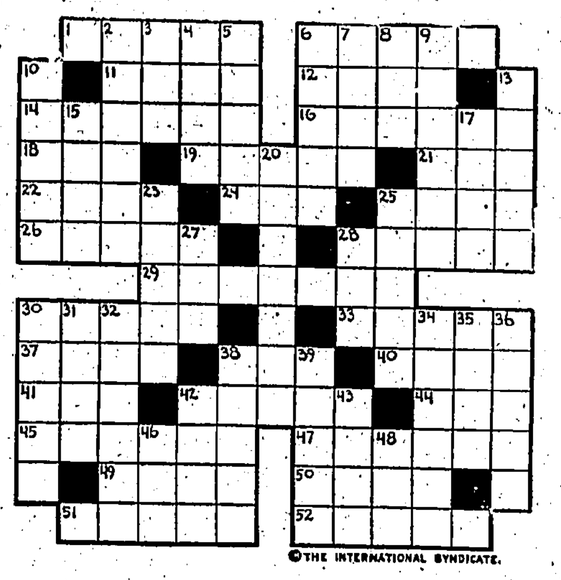
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1–Unblemished
6–Fatty portion of milk
11–Italian river
12–A horse color
14–Lacking
16–Gained
18–It is (contr.)
19–A native yellow earth
21–Consummation
22–Paradise
24–Short leap
25–Ordered
26–Patron saint of France
28–Sorrow (poet.)
29–Noted sea of Bible
30–Trivial
33–Blunder
37–Entrance
38–Point
40–Bounding line
41–Sick
42–Natives of Denmark
44–Female kangaroo
45–Reclaim
47–39.37 inches (pl.)
48–Level
50–An equal before the law
51–Second president of U. S.
52–Lock of hair

VERTICAL

2–Active volcano of Western U. S.
3–Sooner than
4–In the year of (Latin)
5–Indentation
6–Crawl
7–Bellow
8–Organ of head
9–To render soft and tough
10–Sat an estimate upon
13–A serpent
15–Await
17–Combining form. Within
20–The bounds of observation
23–Darkness
25–Dutch colonists
27–Perched
28–Mother Goose river
30–A lord (Scot.)
31–Inert
32–Covered with gold
34–Horsemen
35–Savor
36–Arrest (Scot.)
38–Condemns to future punishment
39–Entice
42–To decide
43–Prophet
46–Character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
48–Golf term

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

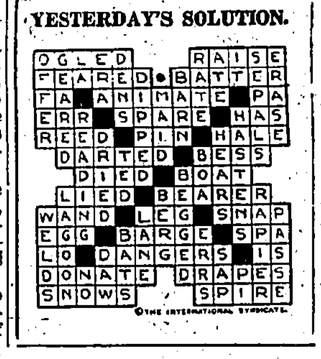
FILMING THE FLEET.

Permission has been refused to a number of foreign cinematograph firms to use units of the British Navy for films. Among those who applied were two American and one French cinematograph companies who wished to film the fleet in action.

Though the question of expense influenced the Admiralty's decision, the position of the British film industry was also taken into consideration, and only British firms are likely to get permission.

The British naval films about to be produced include one of the battle of Falkland Islands and one of the epic of Gallipoli.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

RIFLE MEETING TEAM.

Orders for the week (issued today) for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read as under:—

Recruits Parade.

All recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, for Musketry Instruction.

Dress: Uniform optional, belt, braces and pouches, rifle and bayonet.

Garrison Rifle Meeting.

The Corps Rifle team competing in the Garrison Rifle Meeting on May 3 will carry out practice on Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, May 1. Dress: Musketry order. Team composed as under:—

Team Commander: 2/Lt. H. Owen Hughes. Members: Captain D. C. Logan, M.C., Lt. E. J. R. Mitchell, L/Cpl. A. M. B. Rocha, Pte. G. R. Maskell, Pte. G. E. Stephens, Pte. T. M. Pile, Pte. K. C. McLennan, one private from Infantry Co. Reserve: Corpl. C. Young.

Launch leaves Murray Pier at 9 a.m. Rifles can be drawn on Sunday morning.

Artillery Co.

Parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, May 5, at 5.30 p.m., for 6 in. Howitzer Gun Drill and Signalling. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Infantry Co.

Mounted Parade at Stables on Thursday, May 5, at 5.30 p.m., for all ranks. Dress: Mufti.

Armour Car Co.

All N.C.O.'s. will parade at Corps Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, for Machine Gun Instruction.

Infantry Co.

On Friday, May 6, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O's. and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for special Machine Gun Instruction, this will be the commencement of a special N.C.O.'s course of training in Vickers Gun.

Musketry Part I will be fired by the above company at Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, May 8.

Range Officer: Lt. A. H. Penn.

As this is the last Sunday allotted to this Company for Part I, all those who have not fired must endeavour to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken as the whole course must be fired in drill order, whether worn over uniform or mufti.

Arms: May be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 6, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, May 7, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Scottish Co.

Musketry, Part I Table T on Sunday, May 1, is cancelled as Stonecutters' Range is being utilised for practice by the Corps team competing in the Garrison Rifle Meeting.

Men who have fired Part I will fire on Sunday, May 29.

Thursday, May 5, at 5.30 p.m.:—No. 5 Platoon at Taikoo Docks—Musketry Instruction. No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Docks—Musketry Instruction. No. 7 Platoon at Corps Headquarters—Musketry Instruction.

Dress: Mufti, rifle, bayonet, belt, braces and pouches.

Portuguese Co.

Trained men will parade at Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, April 29. Dress: Mufti.

Officers' Mess Meeting.

There will be a mess meeting at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, May 9. All available Officers will please attend.

Rifles.

Many members of the Corps are at present keeping their rifles in their own possession. This practice is contrary to regulations.

Members are reminded that all rifles when not in use must be kept at Corps or Platoon Headquarters.

Those members of the Corps now in possession of rifles must return them without delay.

Strength.

The following are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1216 Pte. J. J. Cameron, No. 6 Platoon.

No. 1217 Pte. V. E. Bernardo, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1218 Pte. M. V. F. Neves, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1219 Pte. A. L. Rocha, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1220 Pte. A. R. Tavares, No. 9 Platoon.

No. 1221 Pte. J. P. Baleros, No. 10 Platoon.

No. 1222 Pte. P. L. Morales, No. 10 Platoon.

No. 1223 Pte. A. L. Remedios, No. 10 Platoon.

No. 1224 Pte. B. M. Vieira, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1225 Pte. A. P. Fuertes, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1226 Pte. E. A. Souza, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1227 Pte. L. A. Peres, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1228 Pte. J. F. Guerreiro, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1229 Pte. M. T. Nunes, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1230 Pte. H. E. Vieira, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1231 Pte. A. V. Remedios, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1232 Pte. F. V. V. Ribeiro, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1233 Pte. E. Esteban, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1234 Pte. V. G. Xavier, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1235 Pte. J. K. Shaw, A.C. Company.

No. 1236 Pte. J. A. Souza, Corps Headquarters.

No. 1237 Pte. D. J. Fernandes, Corps Headquarters.

Promotions & Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from April 25, 1927:—

Engineer Company.—Sergt. T. W. Carr to be A/C.S.M., Cpl. W. H. Owen to be Sergeant; L/Cpl. E. S. Carter to be Corporal; Spr. H. L. Lockhart to be Lance/Corporal.

Armoured car company:—Corpl. L. E. Curwood to be Lance/Sergeant. Pte. G. B. Slipper to be Lance/Sergeant.

No. 7 Platoon:—L/Cpl. T. P. Saunderson to be Corporal; Pte. D. Lyon to be Lance/Corpl.

Casuals.

Musketry Course Part 1 will be fired at Peak Range on Sunday, May 8, at 9.30 a.m.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. T. A. Martin.

This is the last opportunity for members of the Corps who have not yet completed Part I to attend.

Dress and arms as detailed for Infantry Company.

Resignation.

Corpl. H. M. R. Cleland, No. 7 Platoon, is permitted to resign from the Corps.

Struck Off.

Pte. J. C. Elarte, No. 4 Platoon, is struck off the strength.

NOTICES.

There will no parades on Monday, May 2, at Volunteer Headquarters, as the drill hall and other rooms will be reserved for the M.I. and A.C. Companies dinner.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their third meeting at Peak Range on Sunday, May 1, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

Engineer Co.

The annual dinner and presentation of shooting prizes will be held on Friday, May 6 at 8 p.m., at Volunteer Headquarters. Charge: $4 per head. Dress: Tunics, Slacks and medals.

Members wishing to attend, please notify A/C.S.M. T. W. Carr, P.W.D., together with number of guest they intend to bring on or before May 3, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Scottish Co.

"Quarry Bay" Cup Competition:—

Members of the Company are reminded of above competition to be held at Corps Headquarters on Saturday, April 30, at 3.30 p.m. A full attendance of respective Platoons is essential to ensure a successful afternoon and all members of the Company are accordingly urged to attend.

Dress: Glengarry, tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes and spats.

Arms Equipment: Rifle, bayonet, belt and frog.

M.I. and A. C. Companies.

A dinner and concert will take place on Monday, May 2, at Volunteer Headquarters at 7.45 p.m.

Members of the above Companies are requested to obtain the tickets they require for the dinner on May 2 without further delay.

All names should be sent in before noon on Friday, April 29 to enable the necessary catering arrangements to be made, and the plan of seating accommodations to be prepared.

H.E. the G.O.C. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., South China Command, has graciously consented to be present at the dinner on Monday, May 2. Dress: Dinner jacket or dress uniform.

Programme: Meet at Corps Headquarters at 8 p.m. Dinner 8.30 p.m. Cabaret concert commences about 10 p.m. The artistes include eight of Hong Kong's most talented ladies.

Tickets should be obtained at once as the number to be sold is limited.

K.C.'S FAULTY WILL.

SIR E. GRIFFITH'S THOUGHT FOR HIS CLERK.

Sir Ellis J. Ellis Griffith, K.C., Under-Secretary for the Home Department, 1912-1915, Recorder of Birkenhead, 1907-1912, for 23 years Liberal M.P. for Anglesey, and afterwards for a short time for Carmarthen, left £10,884.

His will is made on House of Commons paper, dated December 17, 1923. Like many other prominent lawyers, he was unable to make his own will correctly, and an affidavit of due execution, with reference to various alterations and interlineations, was required before the will could be admitted to probate.

He left £150 to his clerk, E. G. Archer, and he expressed the desire that his wife and son should help his said clerk and remember him when they should make their own will.

He desired that his funeral should be private, and at Llanidan Church, Anglesey, and that, if practicable, two memorial windows should be erected "over the resting-place of my little children."

The two Chinese charged with having been concerned in the armed robbery on the first floor of No. 3 Stanley Street, Wanchai, on April 26, were yesterday afternoon committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. R. C. Lindsell.

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INWARD MAILS.

From		Per
	FRIDAY, APRIL 29	
Straits		Hosang.
Japan & Shanghai		Malwa.
	SUNDAY, MAY 1	
Suez & Straits		Aeneas.
Straits		Suwa Maru.
	MONDAY, MAY 2	
Shanghai		Pres. Jefferson.
	TUESDAY, MAY 3	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		President Lincoln.
	MONDAY, MAY 9	
Manila		Empress of Asia.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Garfield.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Grant.
	TUESDAY, MAY 10	
Japan & Shanghai		Chenonceaux.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For		Per	
	FRIDAY, APRIL 29		
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island —due Thursday Island, 14th May. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Arafura.	
Manila		Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui & Wuchow		Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Szechuen	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (30th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Malwa.	
	SATURDAY, APRIL 30		
Formosa		Hague Maru	8.30 a.m.
Batavia		Tjibodas	11.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius & South Africa		Mexico Maru	1.30 p.m.
Saigon & Bangkok		Sekkow Maru	5 p.m.
Amoy		Anhui	5 p.m.
Japan		Hosang	5 p.m.
	SUNDAY, MAY 1		
*Swatow & Bangkok		Kaying	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
	MONDAY, MAY 2		
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia		Suwa Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow		Yingchow	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Namsang.	
Manila		Pres. Lincoln	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Aeneas	5 p.m.
	TUESDAY, MAY 3		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & *San Francisco—due San Francisco 30th May & Europe via Siberia. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Shinyo Maru.	
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Swatow		Haagsang	5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing "wireless" name only.

FRAUD ON SHOPS.

TWO YOUTHS RING THE CHANGES.

JUGGLING WITH MONEY.

The old swindle of "ringing the changes" was worked at Chinwan on Tuesday when two shopkeepers were victimised to the extent of $115.

The first victim was the master of the Chun Yik Grocery, No. 23 Chinwan. According to this man, two youths having the appearance of Portuguese entered his shop and bought three packets of Three Castles cigarettes for which they tendered a $50 note. He gave them as change five $5 and two $10 notes and $3.95 in silver. After picking up the notes one of the youths returned them to the shopkeeper asking for all $10 notes which were given. Some time after the youths left the shopkeeper counted his money and found he was $25 short.

The trick played at the second shop was more elaborate. The master of this place, also a grocer's shop in the same district, reports that two young men dressed in foreign clothes bought three tins of condensed milk and three towels. They handed over a $100 note and obtained change as follows:—one $50, two $10 and four $5 notes. Again one of the youths picked up the notes and returned them asking for all tens. Without counting the money the shopkeeper returned the bundle of notes to the safe and counted out nine $10 notes. After picking up the notes the second youth, as if on second thought, planked them down again, and remarking that he had small notes to pay for the goods, asked for the return of the $100 bill which was then handed over. The goods were then paid for with a note the second youth took out of his wallet. Both youths then walked out. After a while the shopkeeper became suspicious and proceeded to count his money, whereupon he found that between the two of them the youths had juggled him out of $90. From the first bundle of notes the $50 bill was missing and from the other, four $10 notes.

FLYING IN PERSIA.

BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Rugby, April 28.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that difficulties had arisen with the Persian Government regarding the rights of British aircraft to fly over Persian territory on the Cairo to Karachi air route.

The difficulties were due to the recent and sudden reversal of policy by the Persian Government, who decided not to allow an international airway along the southern coast of Persia.

A written agreement, which if it had entered into force, would have secured the opening of this route to international traffic, had in fact been signed by the Persian Foreign Minister and the British Minister at Tehran on behalf of Imperial Airways Limited in September of 1925.

Further negotiations with the Persian Government on the subject were now in progress.—British Wireless Service.

COLONIAL PROBATES

THE F.M.S. BROUGHT INTO LINE.

London, April 28.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of a Bill to enable the application of the Colonial Probates Act of 1892 to certain protected States and mandated territories by Order-in-Council.

Viscount Cave, the Lord High Chancellor, moving the second reading, said the object was to avoid the trouble and expense of double probate. This already operated in the case of British protectorates, also Palestine. The federated Malay States had decided this for some years.—Reuter.

HARBOUR DEATH.

PETTY OFFICER'S BELIEVED SUICIDE.

EARLY MORNING ALARM.

The death took place early this morning of Petty Officer Thomas Bassell under circumstances, according to the Police report, which point to suicide.

The Naval authorities report his death by drowning.

It is believed that the injuries to the throat which were found on the body were inflicted prior to jumping overboard.

The tragedy occurred about 4 a.m. to-day whilst H.M.S. "Sterling" (attached to the 8th Destroyer Flotilla) was at buoy in the harbour.

The alarm was immediately given and the body has been recovered. The Police report finding a blood stained razor near where the tragedy occurred.

A naval enquiry will be held to enquire into the circumstances attending death.

Deceased, who leaves a widow at St. Michael, Devon, is said to have been of a quiet disposition and popular. He was a teetotaller and a keen sportsman, excelling at Rugby football.

The body was taken to the Naval Hospital mortuary.

The funeral will take place to-day.

FULL WATER SUPPLY.

As from Sunday (May 1) a full water supply will be allowed in the Colony's rider main districts, an announcement to this effect appearing on page 3.

The intermittent supply has been in force for some months on acount of shortage.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

FATHER'S LAST ADVICE TO SONS.

A HONG KONG PROBATE.

"Man's life is like the morning dew and it is necessary for me to lay down an efficient plan for the future" is the opening phrase of the will of Yeung Shin-hang, of Canton, letters of administration of whose Hong Kong estate have been granted to Yueng Yik-shi and Yueng Chu-shi, of Hong Kong.

The local estate totals $74,000 nett.

"In the future," continues the deceased in the course of his will, "all my sons should appreciate my idea and the difficulties with which their forefathers have built up the estate. They should be patient and frugal and remember that harmony will yield lessons to them. In no circumstances should they hurt one another or dispute among themselves and so they will prevent the foundation of the family from destruction. All this is my earnest hope."

Various family bequests are made in the course of the will.

A burglar entered No. 1 Ying Fai Terrace yesterday and stole a dinner set and ten lamp shades worth $130.

Suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by a bus in Nathan Road, a Chinese woman was yesterday afternoon removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

The master of an unlicensed fishing boat was yesterday taken to the hospital suffering from an injured right hand caused by a gun powder explosion on board his boat near Saikung. It is believed the man was using dynamite to take fish when the accident occurred.

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